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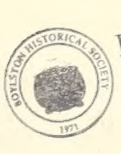
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Doings of the town of Boylston taken March first

in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty in relation to the Establishment of a free Public Library in said town of Boylston under Article 18th of the warrant for said meeting which was as follows (to wit)

Art 18th "To see what measures the town will take towards the Establishment of a free public Library in said town or to act in any manner relating thereto."

and

Voted to raise the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.) for the purpose of establishing a free public Library for the town of Boylston

Voted that a Committee of five persons be chosen to carry the purpose into effect and the following persons were chosen,

Revd Henry S. Kimball.
George L. Wright.
Dr. Franklin B. Willard
Charles I Longley
Alexander W.R. Prouty.

Under Article 5th of the warrant for the same meeting relation to the appropriation of the dog fund.

Voted that the dog fund be appropriated for the Benefit of the Public Library.

A true copy Attest

George L Wright Clerk of the above-named Committee

1880

Proceedings of the Committee on the Public Library

The Committee chosen by the Board of Boylston on the first day of March 1880 consisting of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty as recorded on the Records of the Town of Boylston passed at that time and recorded on the first page of this book having met on the ninth day of this instant March by appointment

Present Rev. H. D. Kimball, George L. Wright Dr. F. B. Willard, Charles I. Longley and Alexander V. R. Prouty full committee

It was voted to proceed to effect an organization by the choice of a Chairman and a Clerk and accordingly made choice of Rev. Henry D. Kimball as Chairman and George L. Wright as Clerk.

Several codes of By Laws and Rules for the organization of the Public Library as well as several other matters relating to its establishment were discussed and the following action taken thereon (to wit) a code of By Laws presented by the Clerk was after some slight alterations which were noted therein was by general consent recomended to be presented to the Town for adoption, The Clerk was authorized to amend the by Laws to correspond with such alterations and to present the same so amended at the next session of this Committee Art 2. of these By Laws was so amended that the Board of Trustees of the Library shall consist of five persons to be chosen respectively for one two three four & five years. and there after as the term of each shall expire to choose one person as Trustee for the term of five years instead of six persons as was at first agreed upon in said by laws,

The Clerk was ordered to amend the said article to correspond with this alteration,

Voted that when the Committee adjourn it be to meet with the clerk at the Boylston Social Library on Tuesday next March 16th inst; at one o'clock in the afternoon,

and so Adjourned Attest Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

Proceedings of the Committee on Library March 16th 1880.

The Library Committee met pursuant to the adjournment of the ninth of this instant March.
Present Rev. Dr. S. Kimball Chairman Messrs Geo. L. Wright C. D. Longley and A. V. R. Prouty Absent Dr. F. B. Willard
The Committee's proceedings of March 9th instant were read. The rules and by Laws presented at that meeting together with the amendments ordered therein were read and discussed and some slight alterations were suggested and made therein In Article Seventh relating to the meetings of the Trustees it was Voted that the words "Once in Each month" be stricken out and the words "Once in Each quarter" inserted so that the 5th Article shall read as follows,
Art. 7th "The board of Trustees shall meet for the purpose of Examining the Library and transacting any business connected there with at least once in Each quarter on such days as the board may at their first meeting designate and at such other times as shall be found necessary."
Voted to fill the blank in the same article of the By-Laws so that the remaining part of said Article shall read as follows,
"The Board shall meet annualy on or before the twentieth (20.) day of February for the purpose of receiving and Examining the accounts of the Librarian and Treasurer and making up their Annual Report" all further lines and words were stricken out of said Article.
Voted to fill the blank in Article 6th of the By Laws relating to the Librarian's duties so that said Article shall read as follows,
Article 6th "The last of Such quarterly payments shall be made on or before the twentieth (20) day of March"
The question relating to stopping the annual issue of books and requiring their return to the library for examination by the Trustees was discussed and the Committee without coming to a vote generally agreed upon the fifteenth day of February as such time.
The blanks in

Proceedings of the Committee of the Library March 16th 1880
Continued

The blank in Article 8th relating to the place where the library shall be kept was left to be filled at the next meeting of the Committee as were also all other blanks in the by-laws.
It was voted to lay off the By Laws on the table for further consideration at the next meeting.
Letters were read from the Trustees of the Public Library in Northborough, Sterling and Clinton. The Chairman presented the rules of the Worcester Public Library also the congratulations and offers of advice from Samuel S. Green Esq. Librarian of the first normal library. It was
Voted to instruct the Chairman of this Committee to confer with the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston in relation to the use of the Selectmen's room in the Town Hall for the library.
Voted that the Chairman and Clerk of this Committee be authorised to confer with the Selectmen in relation to having an article in their warrant for the next town meeting as follows.
To hear any communication or report that the Library Committee may present concerning the proposed Public Library and to act thereon.
The Committee then Adjourned
Subject to the Chairman's call.
Attest Geo. L. Wright. Clerk

(Proceedings)

Proceedings of the Committee of the Library April 2d 1880.

The Committee met pursuant to the call of the Chairman Present. D. A. B. Kimball Chairman. Geo. L. Wright. J. B. Willard and A. N. R. Prouty. absent. C. J. Longley. The Committee's proceedings of March 16th 1880 were read after which it was voted that the clause in the minutes of that meeting which relates to articles of the By-Laws be taken up and voted that the time for stopping the annual issue of books and requiring their return to the library for examination by the Trustees shall be 12 days instead of 5 days as was recommended at the last meeting of the Committee and the Secretary was ordered to so amend the 5th article as shall be consistent herewith.

The Chairman reported that he had conferred with the Selectmen and had received their permission consent and advice respecting the use of the Selectmen's room for the Library.

The Chairman & Clerk who were appointed for that purpose at the last meeting of the Committee reported that they had conferred with the Selectmen in respect to having an article inserted in the warrant for the next town meeting to be held in Monday April 5th inst as was ordered at the last meeting "to hear any communication that the Library Committee may present &c" (See opposite page of this book) and that said article had been so inserted in the warrant.

Voted to fill all blanks in the By-Laws

Voted that we fill the blank in article 1st and that we adopt as the name of the Library. Boylston Public Library.

Voted that the Clerk amend the above article to correspond herewith.

Voted to leave the matter of selecting a place in which the Library is to be kept until the town meeting

Voted the Clerk make such verbal alterations & amendatory as shall to him seem necessary for the proper grammatical construction of the same Provided such alterations shall not alter the meaning of the same as is now understood by the Committee

Voted that the Clerk sign the By Laws when so amended in

Proceedings of Committee on Library April 21 1894 continued

on behalf of the Committee and present them to the town at their Meeting on Monday next as a part of the Communication which the Committee shall then make.
Voted to hear the Communication from the Boylston Farmers and Mechanics Association which was as follows.

"To Rev.d H. S. Kimball and others a Committee appointed by the Town of Boylston to Establish a free Public Library in said town.

Gentlemen ——The undersigned on behalf of the Boylston Farmers and Mechanics Association hereby make the following communication Several members of this Association having expressed a desire to aid the project from funds now in the Treasury of said Association and the Board of Directors having deemed it expedient called a Meeting of the Association at the town hall on Wednesday Evening March 21st ult and subsequently by adjournment on Wednesday Evening March 31st at which time among other matters action was taken on the second (2) Article of the call which was as follows, viz. To see what action the association will take in regard to donating the whole or a part of the funds now in the Treasury towards the establishment of a free Public Library in said town of Boylston or to act in any manner relating thereto And it was voted to choose a Committee consisting of three persons, to select and purchase Agricultural works to the value of fifty ($50,) dollars to be presented to the Town towards the Establishment of said Public Library and Charles I. Longley Chairman H. V. R. Prouty and T. B. Willard

Proceedings of Committee on Library April 2d 1880 cont'd

were constituted as this Committee It was also Voted These books be inscribed by the Secretary of the Association on the inside covers as a donation to the Public Library from this Club and further more that said Committee when they have made such purchase and have caused the above inscriptions to be written therein shall present the Books to the town for and in the name of the Boylston Farmers and Mechanics Association as a donation from that club to the Public Library. And the Treasurer and other proper officers were authorized to draw from the funds of the Association now on deposit in the Worcester Five cent Savings Bank for the above object. We would also take this occassion to congratulate the people of this town upon the project now open for a Public Library looking ever forward in the firm hope that in its successful organization and continuance may be ultimately a blessing to the intellectual standard of this Community With the earnest Wishes for the prosperity of the undertaking. We are in behalf of the Boylston Farmers & Mechanics Association.

Very Respectfully. A.W.R Prouty President
Boylston April 1st 1880 Geo. L. Wright Secretary"

Voted that the Committee accept the foregoing Communication, and

Voted that we hereby express in behalf of the Public Library of the town of Boylston our thanks for the donation

Voted that the Clerk present the foregoing communication to the town at their meeting on Monday next as a part of the communication which the committee shall then make,

Voted that when we adjourn it shall be to Tuesday next April 6th inst at one o'clock in the afternoon, and

So Adjourned, Attest, Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

Proceedings of the Committee on Public Library April 5 1880

The Committee this day received the following communication from the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library through a committee of that association.

Whereas the inhabitants of the town of Boylston by their votes passed on the first day of March in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty, having signified their intentions to establish a free public Library in said Town of Boylston, and
Whereas there is now existing in said town of Boylston a library Association known as the Boylston Social Library organized in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and
Whereas the proprietors thereof having and by these presents do hereby signify their desire to unite said library with the proposed public Library believing that the permenance of the social Library may be ensured and the interests of both more fully subserved thereby.
do hereby adopt the following resolutions relating to the transfer of said Social Library and the consolidation thereof with the Public Library of the town of Boylston therefore
Resolved that we transfer the Library now owned by us to become as part of the free public Library of the town of Boylston upon the following conditions viz
1st Said town of Boylston shall provide a suitable and permenant place for depositing said library in some public building belonging to said town as shall be agreed upon by the Selectmen and Library Trustees thereof and shall forever preserve the said Library as a separate department of said public Library subject otherwise to such rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the town or the Trustees of the Public Library for the management thereof (2d)

Proceedings of Committee on Public Library April 5th 1880

2d The town shall preserve in the office of the Town Clerk the proprietors' book of records and a full and complete catalogue of all books presented in said library.

Provided however that if said Public library of the town of Boylston shall at any time or from any reason whatsoever cease to exist then said town shall cease to hold any legal right or claim upon said Social Library whatsoever and the said library shall revert back to said proprietors or their heirs at law.

Boylston April 1st 1880.

W.H. Perry
Geo. L. Wright
A.V.R. Routy
C.J. Longley
} Committee of the Proprietors Boylston Social Library

Boylston April 5th 1880. The Proprietors having met upon their adjournment. The foregoing resolutions were presented and adopted by the unanimous vote of the members present and it was voted that the above named Committee be authorized to present these resolutions to the town Library Committee to be presented by them to the town at the meeting on Monday next (April 5, 1880)

George L. Wright — Moderator of said meeting

Attest C. J. Longley Clerk of Proprietors Boylston Social Library

The foregoing communication was duly presented to the town at a meeting held this day (April 5th 1880) and by the town accepted and thanks voted for the same.

Attest: Geo. L. Wright Clerk,
Public Library Committee of Boylston

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Regulations of the town of Boylston

Relative to the establishment of a Free Public Library in said town

Preamble

Preamble. Whereas the inhabitants of the town of Boylston are by desirous to encourage the dissemination of useful knowledge and recognizing the importance of a free public library as a means for the promotion of the social, educational, Pub. Library and moral standard of the town and believing that such an institution is in many other ways beneficial to society and especially necessary under a republican form of government; and

Action of the town relative to the Library Whereas the inhabitants of said town at a legal town-meeting duly called on the first day of March in the year A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880) agreed upon the establishment of a free public Library in said town of Boylston. Now therefore in town meeting assembled we adopt the following By Laws Rules and Regulations for the government of said Library viz.

Article 1st

Name. This Library shall be known as the Boylston Public Library and shall be forever open free of charge to the inhabitants of said town of Boylston subject however to such rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the town or the board of Directors hereinafter established

By Laws of Public Library (Condensed)

Article 2d

Government and Control of the Library vested in Trustees

The management and control of the Library shall be vested in a Board of Trustees who shall be chosen by ballot in open town meeting at the first annual Meeting after the adoption of these By Laws. And the persons so elected as Trustees shall serve respectively two for five years, two for four years one of three years, one for two years and one for one year and thereafter all vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of service of any one of said Trustees shall be filled by the town at every annual March meeting in the election in manner aforesaid of one person to serve as a member of said Board of Trustees for the term of five years, and all vacancies in said Board occasioned by death resignation or from any other cause excepting as is provided for as above shall be filled in the same manner as is now required by law for the filling of vacancies in School Committees.

Election of Trustees

Proviso

(Provided however that the committee chosen by the town at a legal town meeting held March 1st A.D. 1880, to establish said free Public Library, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of said Trustees until the first election thereof as is provided for in this Article.)

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Article 3d

Duties of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall have the management and control of the affairs of the Library. They shall have the care and management of the library room the furniture and fixtures thereof so far as the same shall relate to the Library purposes. They shall have charge of the expenditure of all appropriations or the moneys made for the benefit of the Library

Article 3d (continued)

met at such times and at such places as they shall from time to time establish and they shall inspect the library from time to time as there shall be occasion. They shall be the sole judges in the selection of books and shall use their best judgment therein. They shall determine what books shall not be taken from the library & to whom & how such books may be retained and what fines & penalties shall be exacted for the retention of books beyond such time as they shall limit. And when called upon assess all such fines.

It shall be their duty to receive and acknowledge in the name of the town all donations made to the library.

They shall have power to make such rules & regulations as shall be for the good of the library and the more efficient discharge of its affairs. They shall also have power to assess and enforce such penalties for the violation of rules and regulations or damages to books or other causes as they shall deem proper and expedient subject however at all times to such rules limitations restrictions and amendments as the town may direct. And a majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4th.

At the first meeting after their first election and thereafter annually within ten days after the annual town meeting the Board of Trustees shall meet and shall organize by the

By-Laws of the Public Library (Continued)

Article 4th Continued

choice by ballot of a Chairman and a Clerk who shall also act as Treasurer of the board. They shall also elect or appoint a suitable person to be Librarian and who shall serve during the will and pleasure of said board and said board of Trustees shall also have power to appoint such assistant or assistants as may be necessary to the full and proper discharge of the duties of the Librarian, and said board shall have power to remove such Librarian and Assistants and to fix and determine the compensation of the same, and the several officers shall be accountable to the board of Trustees for the faithful discharge of their several trusts.

Article 5th

The Chairman shall be the executive officer of the Board of Trustees and as such shall preside at all meetings thereof, and at all times shall stand for the will and voice of said board. The Clerk shall keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of the Trustees and shall act as Treasurer of the board and as such shall receive and account for all monies paid the library on account of appropriation, donation or otherwise in the form and manner hereinafter stated. In case of the absence of either of these officers from any meeting of the board the one present may perform the duties of both in the absence of both Chairman and Clerk from the meetings of the board a Chairman or Clerk pro-tempore shall be chosen.

(Article 6th)

By Laws of Public Library (continued)

Article (11th

The Librarian's duties shall be to have charge of the real estate of the library and to see that the same is opened properly ventilated warmed and lighted. The Librarian shall be responsible to the Trustees for the safe keeping and preservation of all books and all other property belonging to his charge. To see that the library is at all times kept in a neat and orderly condition to state, observe the rules of these By-Laws or any other rule or rules made by the Board of Trustees for the good of the library. It shall be the Librarians duty to keep a full and complete catalogue of all books belonging to the library stating matters derived by purchase donation or otherwise. The date of accession and the Estimated Value, Condition, Size and title of such books to minute in a book to be kept for that purpose. To cover and protect each book pursuant to such rules as the Trustees may adopt. To attend at the library for the purposes of receiving and delivering books at such times as the Trustees may designate. To Enter in a book kept for that purpose the number and title of each book delivered the time when and the name of the person to whom delivered or by whom returned. To keep a correct account of all penalties incurred and when and of by whom and to pay all monies accruing from this or from any other source to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees quarterly the last of such quarterly payments to be made on or before the twentieth day of February when he shall also submit his accounts, records and

By Laws of the Public Library (Continued)

Article 6th (Continued)

Trustees to the Board of Trustees for investigation together with such detailed statement concerning the library as the Trustees may require. It shall also be the duty of the Librarian to carefully examine the account of each person on the first week in each quarter for all delinquencies and proceed in writing all delinquents to cause all books not returned by the first of the month following such notice to be booked up and returned at the expense of the delinquent and to withhold the library from all who's fines are unpaid. To assess or amend to the assessment of all fines pursuant to such rules as the Trustees shall adopt or as shall be hereinafter established, and to perform such other duties as said Board of Trustees shall require.

Article 7th

The Board of Trustees shall annually meet for organization within ten days after the annual March meeting and thereafter for the purpose of examining the library and transacting any business connected there with at least once in each quarter on such days as the Board may at their first meeting designate and at such other times as shall be found neccesary. The board shall also annually meet on or before the twentieth day of February for the purpose of receiving and Examining the accounts of the Librarian and Treasurer and of making up their annual reports.

By Laws of the Public Library (continued)

Article 5th

Upon such terms as the Trustees shall require at the time of withdrawal or exchange the Library shall be kept open

The Trustees shall meet for the delivery and return of books at least once in every week on such days and at such hours as the Board of Trustees may direct

Provided that all books shall be returned to the Library not later than the fifteenth day of February annually for examination by the Trustees and no book shall be taken out for at least one week after such annual return unless otherwise ordered by the Trustees.

Article 6th

Any permanent resident of the Town of Babylon above the age of fourteen years may take books from the Library by complying with such regulations of the Library and may which all that may be necessary adopted by the Town or the Board of Trustees. And shall have the right to take books from the Library so long as he or she shall comply with the same

Provided however that no book shall be delivered to any minor until the parent, Guardian, or some other responsible person shall have become surety for such minor. Any transient resident in the town introduced by a responsible person may enjoy the library on such terms as the Board of Trustees shall prescribe

By-Laws of the Public Library (Continued)

Article 10th

The terms allowed, in keeping books out of the Library, the returns and renewals of the same, the fixing and determination of fines for undue retention of books beyond the established times, and for the violation of such other rules and regulations as may be considered necessary for the proper use and security of the books shall be decided by the Trustees and an abbreviated copy of such rules shall be attached to the cover of each book.

Article 11th

Any person obstructing the privileges of the library by the mutilation of the same by tears or any other established rule or rules respecting as is provided for, or in any other way defacing books beyond a reasonable wear shall be immediately reported to the Board of Trustees, who may if they think the case demands it; exclude all such persons for a time or permanently from the library according to the degree or nature of the delinquency or default and all injuries to books shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

Article 12th

The Town Treasurer shall receive and hold in the same manner as other funds of the town are held or by him. All such appropriations as the town may annually make and all other monies coming for the benefit of the library from any source whatsoever and shall pay the same by the Board of Trustees on the order of the Selectmen to the full extent of such funds and in addition to this shall pay the incidental expenses of the library from

By Laws of Public Library (continued)

Article 12th (continued)

the limits of the sum as they may be incurred

Article 13th

The Board of Trustees shall annually present to the town a full and detailed statement and report concerning the money its condition and their doings & all other matters connected therewith which shall be printed with the reports of the other town officers.

Article 14th

These By Laws may be amended at any annual town meeting by a two thirds vote of the legal voters of said town present and voting thereon. Provided that such proposed amendment shall have been printed as a part of the warrant for said meeting.

Boylston April 2d 1880
By order of the Committee George L. Wright Clerk.

Boylston April 5 1880 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Boylston qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs the foregoing code of By Laws was read and accepted and adopted

A true Copy Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk
Acting Board of Trustees Boylston Public Library

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library

The Committee chosen by the town of Boylston March 1. A.D. 1880 to Establish a free public Library in said town in their capacity as acting Trustees of said Public Library having met by adjournment on Tuesday the sixth day of April in the year 1880 Present Rev. H.S. Kimball, Geo. L. Wright Chas. F. Longley and F. B. Willard absent A.V.R. Prouty Rev. H.S. Kimball was continued Chairman and George L. Wright Clerk.

The board proceeded to prepare a list of books to be purchased for the library and it was Voted to lay the list on the table until the next meeting for completion

Voted that the board return the thanks of the town to the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library for the donation expressed in their communication to the town made through this board on the 5th inst, Agreeably to the vote passed at that meeting.

Voted that the Clerk of this board be & is hereby authorized to procure a suitable book for the records of this board & that he transcribe therein the records By Laws and other papers in his hands.

Adjourned to Saturday next, April 10 inst, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest. Geo. L. Wright. Clerk of the board.

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Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library April 1st

The Committee chosen by the town of Brighton March 1st 1880. To establish a free Public Library in said town. in their capacity as acting Trustees of said Library having met by appointment on Saturday April 10th at one o'clock in the afternoon.
Present Voted A. S. Kimball Chairman Geo. L. Wright J. D. Hilliard and C. S. Langley absent H. K. Brooks.
The board proceeded to discuss and also complete the list of books selected to be purchased for the Library and
Voted that the Clerk of the board be and is hereby authorized to communicate with Messrs Lee & Shepard of Nos 41-45 Franklin Street Boston Mass. and C. B. Lauriat of 301 Washington St Boston, and obtain the full and net prices of these forms for the list of books as completed by the board.
Voted that the Clerk obtain if possible an answer before the next meeting of this board

Voted that the Clerk obtain the prices of the different Editions of the works of Charles Dickens. Sir Walter Scott and other authors.
Voted that the Books belonging to the town now in the Town Clerks office which the Selectmen propose placing in the public Library be brought and placed in the school room in the Town Hall before the next meeting of this board.

Voted that the Chairman of this Board confer with the Selectmen to gain their permission and make arrangements for the removal of the Books.

Voted that the Board sign and present the following resolution of thanks (which is appended)

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library April 6th (Continued

to this record) to the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library in accordance with the Vote passed at the meeting held on the 5th instant, and also

Voted that the Clerk be authorized to present the foregoing Communication of Thanks to the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library in behalf of this Board.

Voted that the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library be invited to designate some one of their number to write a concise and accurate history of the Boylston Social Library from its Organization to the present time for record on the Journal of this Board.

The Board after some discussion adopted an abreviated set of rules for the circulation of books and respecting the use of the library and it was voted to lay the matter of such other rules as may be necessary to be adopted by the Trustees upon the table for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Voted that when the Board adjourn it be until Thursday next 8th instant at one o'clock in the afternoon.

A claim against the Town of Salem & Dickson Stationers for Trustees Journal & Record Book procured in accordance with a vote passed by the Board April 6th inst amounting to $2.75

Two dollars and Seventy five cents.

was presented by the Clerk and approved to be paid and the clerk was ordered to present the same to the Selectmen for their order at their next meeting.

Then adjourned

Geo L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees.

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library

Communication from Trustees

To the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library

Gentlemen:

The undersigned acting Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston hereby take pleasure in informing you that the resolutions passed at your meeting on the 31st ult., expressing your appreciation of the donation of the Library presented by your Committee for the action of the Town on Monday last (April 3,) was accepted, and we would also take this opportunity to return in behalf of the Town of Boylston their thanks for the generosity with which you have been disposed to make this donation and to assure you that the Town will by its best endeavors ever strive to perpetuate the donation ever remembering the impulses under which it was given as well as the source from whence it was derived.

The history of your association is emphatically the history of the Town of Boylston organized within six years after the incorporation of the Town the events and changes which the one has witnessed, have in a great degree affected the other. The individuals composing the memberships of the one have in a great measure always been the most influential citizens of the other. As your association has stood almost through the entire period of the first century of the Town's existence so we humbly hope the present undertaking may stand throughout the period of the second century and that in both united may be ever found the means for the higher elevation and intellectual development of the citizens of Boylston

Boylston April 10, 1880. Very Respectfully Henry S. Kimball, Geo L Wright, F. B. Wyland & D. Longley,

Acting Trustees of Boylston Public Library

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library April 11

Meeting April 11. The Committee chosen by the Town of Winchester March 1st 1881 to establish a free Public Library in said Town met & organized by choosing Trustees of said Library met by adjournment on Thursday the Seventeenth day of April inst at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Members Present. Present. Rev. H. S. Kimball Chairman George L Wright F. B. Willard. C. D Longley and A. V. R. Prouty full board

Answers from firms respecting Books The Clerk reported that he had communicated with Messrs Lee & Shepard & Osles & Laurial of Boston and had received an answer therefrom which were read and discussed.

Voted to take the lists of books received from the above named firms into consideration

Voted to obtain the estimates and amount of each list.

Sub-Committee to Estimate the lists of Books Voted to divide the board into two sub committees for the above purposes one of Messrs F. B. Willard & A. V. R. Prouty on the list of Lee & Shepard. and C. D. Longley & Geo L Wright on Osles & Laurial were appointed. After some discussion on this matter it was voted to omit from the proposed list of books the works of Charles Dickens and Jules Verne.

Works omitted from Lists to Books & Selections made also voted that we make selections from the works of Rev Charles Kingsley.

Instructions respecting purchase of Books Voted that we decide to purchase the books for the library through the house of Messrs Lee & Shepard Nos 41 and 43 Franklin Street Boston Massachusetts. Voted that as a general rule in the purchase of the remainder of the books that of authors who are dead We purchase Complete works. That in the case of works whose authors are living (With the exception of William T. Adams of whose works we purchase a complete set.) we make such selections as the Electric of our funds will allow. and those works which in the judgement of the Committee will be the most proper for the library.

Sub-Committee to purchase Voted to choose a sub-committee to attend to the purchase of books and make

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Proceedings of the Public Library April 11. (Contd)

Sub-Committee for purchase of books — choice of Revd. H. Kimball and George L. Wright as such Sub-Committee

Voted that the above named Sub-Committee be and are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer for the payment of expenses attending the purchase of the books

Sub-Committee on Shelving — Voted to choose a Sub Committee of one to contract for the shelving for the books and made choice of George L. Wright as such Sub-Committee

Election of Librarian — Voted to proceed to the choice of a Librarian in accordance with Article 4th of the By-Laws of the Town and the ballots were called for and resulted in the unanimous choice of George L. Wright as Librarian.

Determination of Librarians salary — Voted to refer the matter of the fixing and determination of the Librarians salary to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration

Abbreviated rules — Voted to take up the matter of abbreviated rules and after some discussion it was

Unfinished business — Voted to refer this matter as well as all unfinished business to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman & Clerk of this board to report on the same at the next meeting of the Board

Adjournment — Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman & Clerk and also

Call of next meeting — Voted that these officers give three days notice to the board before calling the next meeting.

and so adjourned

Attest record of Proceedings

Attest

Geo. L. Wright, Clerk

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library Mass.

The Committee chosen to the town of Princeton March 1st 1880 to establish free public Library in said Town met their respectively as acting Trustees of said Library met on Saturday May 1st 1880 at one o'clock & thirty minutes in the afternoon previous notice of the meeting having been given as required by the vote passed at the last meeting of the Trustees

Members Present

Present. Rev. St. S. Kimball Chairman Messrs Knight Longley Goodale, absent Dr Nichols.

Minutes

The records of the last meeting were read.

The Trustees proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business and other matters referred to them from the last meeting. The Sub Committee

Report of Sub-Committee on Books

on the purchase of books reported verbally that they had attended to such purchases in accordance with the vote of the same at its last meeting and had purchased the books to the amount of $250 two hundred & fifty three dollars (253) have also purchased the covering paper to amount of ~~two~~ five dollars & forty cents. The Committee were compelled to reduce the book list to correspond with the amount of funds at the disposal of the Trustees. Of the books purchased the Committee have received two hundred & fifteen volumes & the covering paper in all to the Amount of two hundred and Eleven dollars & thirty four cents $ 211. 34

Voted to accept the report of the Sub committee as above.

Report of Sub-Committee on Shelving

The Sub-Committee on Shelving reported as follows.

"The Sub-Committee on Shelving would respectfully report that he has personally attended to the matters assigned him and conferred with J. Addison Bigelow in relation to the matter - and presents the following proposal from that gentleman

Proposal of J. A. Bigelow

"I will furnish shelving any width you may in standing form, clear pine, all finished, for seven (07) cents per running foot, and will deduct from the same at the same price per foot the cost of one for three hundred volumes" The Sub Committee — J. Addison Bigelow."

Sub-Committee to Contract for Shelving

Voted to accept the report and that the Sub-Committee contract as above for the construction of the Shelving

Voted to leave all other matters relating to the Shelving in the hands of the Sub committee

Proceedings of Trustees of Public Library Reg'l. Cont'd

Abbreviated Rules adopted

The Committee on unfinished business presented a code of abbreviated rules (which are appended to this record) which were read and adopted and ordered recorded.

Catalogues and other Printing

Voted to have the Catalogues for the Library printed also . . . .

Voted that the Treasurer of the Board procure five hundred only for circulation of the books

Voted to limit the thousand copies of the abbreviated rules & such number for books as shall seem necessary.

Librarian's Salary

Voted to defer the matter of Librarian's salary to some future meeting of the Board.

Unfinished Business

Voted that the unfinished business at the last meeting on unfinished business be completed such binding as needs repairs and cover & label the books and put the Library in proper shape for circulation.

Bills Approved and ordered Paid

The following claims were presented and approved and the Treasurer of the Board ordered to draw on the Selectmen & Town Treasurer for the payment of the same

To G. L. Wright to pay him for money advanced to pay Knight-Adams & Co Stationers 14 Milk St Boston for 1 Ledger $2.80
1 Journal .75
1 Record Book 1.20
$4.75

To H. S. Kimball for expenses to Boston for purchasing books (April 23) 3.35

To Geo L. Wright for expenses to Boston for purchasing books (Apr 23) 3.25

In all amounting to Eleven dollars & thirty five cents $11.35

Adjourned subject to Chairmen's call.

Attest George L. Wright Clerk

Rules and Regulations adopted by the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library — May 1880.

Rule 1st Library Hours. The Library Rooms during which the Library shall be open for the delivery and return of books shall be from two to five P.M. and from seven to nine P.M. of every Secular day.

Rule 2d No of Volumes taken at a time — But one volume can be taken at a time and if any book be damaged or lost the taker must pay for the actual loss sustained.

Rule 3d No person can take a book who is accountable for another — No person can receive a book who is accountable to the Library for a book taken on a fine unpaid

Rule 4th Retention of Books — No book shall be Retained longer than two (2) weeks without renewal and no book will be acknowledged returned unless delivered to the Librarian.

Rule 5th No entered on Card — All cards shall be presented with the number of the book desired entered on the cards.

Rule 6th Fines — A fine of two (2) cents per day will be levied on each book retained beyond the period allowed

Rule 7th Books to be returned per day for each and every day a book is retained after the last date. — All books must be returned on or before the fifteenth day of February under penalty of a fine of five cents

Rule 8th Books not transfered from one account to another — Books will not be transfered from one account to another nor renewed unless brought to the Library and not in any case when persons are not waiting for them.

Rule 9th Borrowers leaving town or ceasing to use the Library Cards — Borrowers leaving town or ceasing to use the Library are requested to return their cards to the Librarian to have them cancelled otherwise they will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

Rule 10th

(1880)

Rules and Regulations adopted by the Trustees

Boylston Public Library May 1st 1880. (to continued

Rule 1st Law Books and other works of reference will be marked on the catalogue with a Star(*) and can only be taken from the library by the town officers and other responsible citizens by the permission of the Trustees. and all persons taking such books as is above provided shall give proper receipts for their security to the Board of Trustees.

Rule 11th No person shall be allowed in the Library unless with the permission of the Librarian

Rule 12th No smoking or unnecessary noise, or rude behavior shall be allowed in and around the Library, and the Librarian shall have full power to enforce this and all other rules

Boylston May 1st 1880
By the Trustees — Adopted

E. S. Kimball
Geo. L. Wright,
F. B. Williams
C. F. Longley

} Committee, and acting Trustees Boylston Public Library.

A true record Attest:
George L. Wright Clerk of the Board.

Receipt of Trustees to Selectmen for Books belonging to the Town deposited in the Town Clerk's Office.

We the undersigned Committee, and Trustees of the Boylston Library in Said Town - do hereby acknowledge the receipt of the following Books from the Selectmen of the town of Boylston, the same being the Books Laws, Reports & Resolves received by said town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - (To be deposited in the Public Library of said town Agreeably to Chapter of the Acts of the year.

List of Books		List of Books		
Agriculture of Massachusetts		Statutes & Laws	1846	
Chas L. Flint. vols for the years		" "	1847	
&c. vols		" "	1848	Pamphlets
Adjutant Generals Report for		" "	1849	
the years.		" "	1851	
vols		" "	1853	
Abstract of School returns		" "	1855	
Acts and Resolves of the				
Commonwealth of Mass'tts		" Insurance.	1841	
from 1806 to 1836 inclusive			1842	
Blue-books with exception of one	(2)		1843	Pamphlets
1836.	Pamphlets		1846	
21. Vols		Bank Abstracts		
		" "	1841	
Acts and Resolves Mass for 1840		" "	1843	"
	Pamphlets	" "	1846	
Acts and Resolves passed in				
the Congress of U. S. A.		Abstracts of Jails	1840	
		" "	1842	
		" "	1843	
Abstracts of Pauper Returns		" "	1844	
Massachusetts for the		" "	1846	
years 1833.		" "	1847	"
" " 1837	Pamphlets	" "	1848	
" " 1839		" "	1853	
" " 1840		" "	1854	
" " 1841		" "	1855	
" " 1842		" "	1856	
" " 1843		" "		

Carried over.

List of Documents continued

Abstract Criminal Laws 1854.
Abstracts of Census 1843.
Acts + Resolves Mass in
Force Congress. (Sheep 2 vols.
1692 to 1741.

Boards of Education Reports
4th annual Report - 1840
5th " " 1841
7th " " 1843.
10th " " 1846
11th " " 1847
12th " " 1848
13th " " 1849.
14th " " 1850
16 (2) " " 1852
18th " " 1854
19th " " 1855
Bureau of Labor
Reports for 1871-72
Boston Academy of Music
Report for 1842

Birds of N. England
E. A. Samuels (Cloth)
(Colored)

Census of Massachusetts
1855 1 vol
1875 3 vols.
Births Census U.S.
1850 2 vols
Compendium U.S. Census
1850. 1 vol
Commerce + Navigation
of U.S. 1851 58. 2 vols

Coroners Investigations 5 vols
State Charities
6th Annual Report 1869

Digest Statutes Laws 1851
Supplement " " 1853
Debates Mass Convention 1853
to Revise the Constitution 3 vols

Report on Finances U.S. 1856-57
" " " 1857-58

Geology of Mass (Hitchcock)

History Mass. in Civil War 2 vols
Do 1st Volume

Herbaceous Plants and
Deciduous Trees of Mass. Report
1840
Insects destructive to Vegetation
Report 1841
Entomology of N. England Harris
Supplement " "

Journal + Documents Valuation
Committee 1860

Lunatic Hospital Worcester Report
1856 and 1861 2 pamphlets

Mass Register 1857-1858 2 vols
Messages + Documents U.S.
1857458 3 vols
" " 1858-59 6 "

Patent Office Reports 1851 6 vols
" " " Agricultural
1850-51 1 vol
" " 1858 4 vols

List of Books donated from selectmen's room and

Public Documents Mass.
1858 1 vol
1859 – 2 vols
1860 + Nos 1 to 6 = Vol 1.
" " 7 to 42 " 2
1861 = 3 vols
1862 6 vols
1863 4 vols
1864 4 vols
1865 4 vols.
1866 4 vols
1867 4 vols
1868 4 vols
1869 4 vols
1870 4 vols
1871 4 vols
1872 4 vols
1873 5 vols
1874 5 vols
1875 5 vols
1876 5 vols
1877 5 vols
1878 4 vols
In all making
80 volumes

Registration Reports
1846 to 1856 inclusive
also Report for 1872

Sanitary Commissioners
1850 Boston
Report of Survey
to Pacific Ocean
vols

Report National Comrs 1872
School Architecture Barnard
Statistics of Industry 1856
1845 + 1855 Vol

Records Plymouth Colony
12 Vols
Records Mass Bay 8 Vols
" Mass Volunteers 2 "
Valuation of Mass 1831.

Laws Mass Province 1742 1 vol
" N. S. 1781 1 "
Laws U. S. 1796 4 vols
" Mass 1823 2 "
" " 1851 2 "
" " " 1807 4 "
Perpetual Laws Mass 1 vol
Report Revised Statutes Barnard
Statutes Mass 4 vols
Mass Town Reports 18 vols
Mass Reports from 1811 to 1870.
30 vols
Gray's Reports 16 vols
Cushing's " 12 "
Allen's " 14 "
Metcalf's " 13 "
Pickering's " 16 "
Mass Special Laws 1805 13 "
Journal Provincial Congress
1774-75
" Mass Convention 1779-80
" " 1853
Mass Priest-Bennett 11 vols
Notes on Revised Statutes 1835 1 vol
Acts + Resolves Mass Bay Prov
Congress (1692 to 1741) 2 vols

+ Note these are wanting in Pickering's vols 1 + 12 + 13 + 15 and 19.

Committee of
Public Trustees
Said Library

Geo. L. Wright.

Ex. Village Clerk
Chas. L. Wright
Asst Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

1880

Proceedings of the Trustees June 2d 1880

The Trustees met by appointment on Wednesday June 2. 1880 at 1.30 o'clock P.M.
Present Dea W. S. Kimball. Geo. L. Knight and Lucretia D. Longley.
The records of last meeting were read.
The following business was transacted
The Auditing Committee on Library presented a report stating that the bills contracted for the Library according to vote passed at the last meeting had amounted to $10.36
Mr J. H. Bigelow declined to receive any compensation for his services as Librarian
Leaving a balance due of $8.05
The Committee also reported that in need caused the sides and edges of the cases to be painted for which no charge is made.
Voted to accept the report.

A donation of twenty two (22) volumes mainly on temperance topics was reported from Mr and Mrs John B. Gough and the following resolutions of thanks were adopted thereto for

Resolutions

Whereas Mr and Mrs John B. Gough having been pleased to manifest their interest in the Public Library of the Town of Boylston by a liberal and generous donation of books the Trustees thereof desire to return the acknowledgment of the Town as well as to place upon record their lasting obligations for the same.
Therefore Resolved that we hereby tender to Mr & Mrs. Gough the sincere thanks of the Town of Boylston for this donation trusting that the volumes comprising the donation representing as they do the great cause in the life work of the donors have been spent many years of incalculable benefit in promoting the moral intellectual standard of the community.

Proceedings of the Trustees June 2. 1880 Continued

Voted that the Chairman and Clerk of this Board be and are hereby authorized to transmit a copy the Loose going to Mr + Mrs Gough and to take the same upon the Journal.

On Motion & Seconded

Voted that the Board of Trustees hereby return to Mrs L. A. Thorndike the thanks of the Library for the generous Donation of Specie which he has made to the same

Voted that the Clerk be instructed and he is hereby authorized to attend in person at Boston to the payment of Messrs Lee + Shepard's bill [illegible]

Voted that the Clerk exchange the duplicate series of 12 Volumes of Hubbard Adams works &c & an Extra copy of Vol 8 of Bancroft's History of the United States and that he procure such Books in Exchange as he shall in his judgement regard suitable for the Library.

The following bills presented for approval & payment and the Treasurer of the Board ordered to draw on the Selectmen for the same. after which the Board adjourned.

Jo. A. Bigelow Jo one time for warning and warning 115 Qualified Voters @ 01 each $8 05

Eight dollars and five cents.

April 29 Jo Lee & Shepard # 11 Franklin St Boston for Books purchased as per the following invoice. viz

1	Boat Club Series 6 vols	$7.50	$4.50
1	Yacht " " 6 "	9.00	5.40
1	Young American " 12 vols.	18.00	10.80
1	Army & Navy Series 6 "	9.00	5.40
1	Woodville Series 6 "	7.50	4.50
1	Upward & Onward " 6 "	7.50	4.50
1	Starry Flag Series 6 "	7.50	4.50
1	Great Western " 3 "	4.50	2.70
1	Riverdale Series 12 "	4.20	2.52
1	Life John A. Andrew		.75
1	America hot discovered &c	1.00	.75
1	Norse Mythology	.25	.08
1	Viking Tales of the North.	2.00	1.50

Amount Carried over.

June 1st 1880 Continued Bill of Lee & Shepard (Continued)

Ten Nights in a Barroom	$1.25	.83
Advice to Young Men	1.25	.83
" Young Ladies	1.25	.83
Angel and Demon	1.25	83
Trials and Confessions Housekeeper	1.25	.83
Out in the World	1.50	1.00
Our Neighbors in Corner House	1.50	1.00
Three Eras in Woman's life	1.50	1.00
Sketches of Life & Character	1.50	1.00
A Fools Errand	1.00	67
Bryants Letters of Traveller	2.00	1.33
" Poems	1.50	1.00
" Orations & Addresses	2.00	1.33
Life of Daniel Boone	1.50	90
Farrar's Life Christ	1.00	67
Channing's Works	1.00	80
" Life	1.00	75
Lives Celebrated Women	1.50	1.00
Robinson Crusoe	1.00	55
Madame De Remusat	2.00	1.33
Thrilling Adventures	1.75	117
Forneys Anecdotes	2.00	133
Grays How Plants Grow		72
" Lessons in Botany		85
Life and Grant		100
Bay Path	2.00	133
Miss Gilberts Career	2.00	133
Every Day Topics	1.75	117
Arthur Bonnicastle	1.75	117
Mistress Ranse	150	100
Seven Oaks	1.75	1.17
Nicholas Minturn	1.75	117
Autocr at Breakfast Table	2.00	133
Professor " "	2.00	133
Poet " "	2.00	133
Mechanism in Thought	1.00	67
Life Motley	1.50	100
Lands of Scott	2.50	167
Hawthornes Complete works 12 vols.	20.00	13.34
Amount carried up.		

June 2. 1880 Continued) Bill of Lee & Shepard (Continued)

Amount brought up.		
3 vols Mrs. Holmes Works @ 150 each		3.00
1 We Girls	1.50	1.00
" Real Folks	1.50	1.00
" Other Girls	1.50	1.00
" Sights & Insights 2 vols	3.00	2.00
" Odd or Even	1.50	1.00
" Barriers Burned Away	1.50	1.00
" Hal	1.00	.67
" Bracebridge Hall	1.25	.83
" Knickerbocker	1.25	.83
" Sketch Book	1.25	.83
" Adrift in the Ice fields	1.50	1.00
" Wood's Natural History	2.00	1.33
" Clarke's Mirthfulness	1.50	1.00
" Ishmael	1.75	1.17
" Self Raised	1.75	1.17
" Old fashioned Girl	1.50	1.00
" Little Women 2 vols	3.00	2.00
" Under the Lilacs	1.50	1.00
" Bonnichose France	2.50	1.67
" Loudjoe's Cave	1.50	1.00
" Three Scouts	1.50	1.00
" Jo's Boys (Matter	1.25	.75
" Bound in Honor	1.25	.75
" Young Joe	1.25	.75
" Whittier's Poems	2.00	1.33
" " Prose 2 vols	4.50	3.00
" St George & St Michael	1.75	1.17
" Seabord Parish	1.75	1.17
" Unspoken Sermons	1.50	1.00
" Vicar's Daughter	1.50	1.00
" Marquis of Lossie	1.25	.83
" Paul Faber	1.25	.83
" Sir Gibbie	1.25	.83
" Nordhoff Californias	2.50	1.67
" " Politics		.68
" Old Friendly & New	1.25	.83
" Gates Ajar	1.50	1.00
Amount Carried over.		

June 2d 1880. Bill of Lee & Shepard Continued

	Amount Brought over		
1	Hedged In	$1.50	1.00
"	Silent Partner	150	1.00
"	Story of Avis	1.50	100
"	Sealed Orders	1.50	1.00
"	Trotty Book	1.50	1.00
"	" Wedding Tour	150	100
"	Prayers of the Ages	1.50	100
"	Records of a Quiet Life	2.00	133
"	Opening of a Chestnut Bur	1.50	100
"	Waverley Novels 25 vols	31.25	16.00
"	Minister's Wooing	2.00	133
"	Mayflower	200	133
"	Old Town Folks	200	133
"	Chimney Corner	175	1.17
"	Palmetto Leaves	2.00	133
"	Stephens Central America 2v.	6.00	4.00
"	Thaddeus of Warsaw	1.00	100
"	Glaucus	175	117
"	Discipline	125	84
"	Village & Country Sermons	200	133
"	Gospel of the Pentateuch	200	133
"	Good News of God	200	133
"	The Idermits	175	1.17
"	Madame How & Lady Why	175	1.17
"	Town Geology	175	1.17
"	Kavanagh	125	83
"	Among my Books 2 vols	400	2.67
"	My Study Windows	200	1.33
"	Annals Quiet Neighborhood	175	1.17
"	Back of North Wind	200	133
"	Waverlys Ireland	500	334
"	Health & Education	175	1.17
"	Tom Brown at Oxford	125	75
"	Angel of Household	150	100
	15 Quires Covering Paper		5.40
			$211.34

June 2. 1880 Bills &c allowed. Continued

Bill of Lee & Shepard for Books as per following bill

To Lee and Shepard for Books as per following bill

	3 Vols Goodrich's History U.S	$ 5.25
	1 " Lee Shepards Manual U.S.	1.25
	1 " Westwood Do.	1.11
	1 " Robert Falconer	1.11
	1 " Thomas Ringgold	1.11
	1 " Hyperion	1.11
	1 " Wolf Mayne Reidy Do do	1.11
	1 " Tom Brown at Rugby	60
		$ 36.53

To pay for freight and insurance on Do do Do " 2.10

Order approved & warrant drawn for amount of bill June 2. 1880 Paid Shepard & Dwight for same

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List of Books presented by Mrs John B. Vaughan

The Trustees hereby acknowledge the receipt of the following books as a donation from Mrs. John B. Vaughan for which the thanks of the Board have been returned and Resolutions adopted at this page 32. of this book. viz

Lecture on Alcohol	by	B.W. Richardson M.D.
Temperance Lesson Book	"	" "
On Alcohol	"	" "
The Wasted Resources	"	Wm Hargreaves M.D.
Bible Wine	"	Wm Patton D.D.
Alcohol & the State	"	Neal Dow 22 Pp.
" its Nature & Effects	"	Dr Chas A. Story
The Divine Law as to Wine	"	Geo R Sampson DD
National Temperance Orator	"	Rev T Dewitt
American Temperance Speaker	"	T.S. McKelvey D.D.
Basis Temperance Reform	"	Dawson Burns M.A.
Bacchus Dethroned	"	Fredk Powell
Alcohol as Food & Medicine	"	Ezra M Neal M.D.
Talks on Temperance	"	Rev Dwight L Moody
Temperance Manual	"	Jabez Coleman
Talks on Temperance	"	Rev Lyman Jocelyn & Rev James Miller
Alcohol its place & power & Use & value	"	Prof Lizars
Pilgrims Progress in Verse	"	Rev E.P. Dyer
Otis Norcross the Mayor	"	Helen E Chapman
The Queen's House in Rugby Lent	"	A.L. Noble.

July 2nd 1850 Bills of Printing allowed.

Boylston
July 2nd

The Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston have this day approved of the payment of the following bill.

To Jno. D. Morse for Printing
1000 Rules Rules & Regulations
50 Cards
1500 Numbers for Books . . $ 6.00
six Wafers.

And the Clerk was authorized to present the bill to the Selectmen for their order.

Boylston
Aug 1st

At a meeting of the Trustees
A verbal report of the Committee on covering numbering and Cataloguing books was presented which was accepted by vote.
The Clerk submitted a report that he had attended to the exchange of books ordered at the last meeting of the Board. and also the settlement of Messrs Lee & Shepard's bill for books. and the Report was accepted
In relation to Reference Books it was
Voted That the Clerk of the Board exercise his Judgement in regard to the elimination of such books on the Catalogue
Voted That the Catalogues when published be disposed of to borrowers upon the following terms
That the price be the cost of that is above the sum of ten cents. otherwise the price shall be ten cents for each Catalogue sold.
The Trustees received the Proprietors deed of gift of the Boylston Social Library on which it was Voted that we accept and and acknowledge in behalf of the town the deed of the Proprietors of the Boylston Social Library and that the same be recorded on the Journal of this board and then returned into the Town Clerk's office for record on the town books
Voted that we sign and return the transfer of the Trustees of the Social Library Endorsing thereon our receipt for the same.
Voted that the Clerk prepare and post up copies of the State laws in regard to the abuse of books. in the Library room for the information of readers.

August 13th Meeting of the [illegible]

Voted that one thousand copies additional of the Rules and Regulations be printed.

Voted that all matters relative to Librarian's salary and extra service in setting the library be referred to the next meeting of the board.

Voted to open the Library for circulation on the first Saturday of September next if the Catalogues are finished and ready for circulation

Voted to give one weeks notice of the opening of the Library.

Voted that during the remainder of the year the regular meetings of the Trustees be held on the third Saturday of September December and February.

Present at this meeting.

Geo. L. Wright — E. B. Willard. C. B. Longley. Absent H. B. Kimball & A. Perry

Adjourned to Regular meeting in September

Account of the Exchange of books made with Messrs Lee & Shepard Ordered by Trustees June 2d 1880.

Lee and Shepard Boston Dr

To 1 Adams Riverdale series 12 vols	$2.52
" 1 Bancrofts Hist of U. S. Vol 6	1.75
	$4.27

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By 1 Wearing the Blue	3.67
" " Adventures of Donovan of Bastion	.60
	$4.27

Attest Geo L Wright Clerk of Board

Deed of Gift Social Library to Public Library

Whereas, the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by their votes, in legal town meeting assembled on the first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, having signified their intentions to establish a free Public Library in said Town of Boylston

And Whereas, there is existing in said Town of Boylston a Library Association known as the Boylston Social Library organized in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two

And Whereas the proprietors of said Social Library have by resolutions adopted at a legal meeting held on the 27th day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and by subsequent adjournments thereof on the third and fourth day of April in the same year, signified their desire to unite said Social Library with the said Public Library of the Town of Boylston believing that the Improvement of the one may be promoted and the interests of both the more fully subserved thereby,

Now Therefore, by these Presents

and in consideration of the premises and will, do hereby the Town of Boylston and of the stipulations and conditions hereinafter contained on the part of said Town or their successors and assigns to be kept and performed grant give and transfer to the said Town of Boylston in its corporate capacity as a Town the Library now owned and in the possession of said proprietors to be held by said Town in its aforesaid capacity for the free use of the inhabitants thereof as a department of the free public Library of said Town upon the following terms and conditions and subject to the following reservations and stipulations that is to say

First said Town of Boylston shall provide a suitable and permanent place for depositing said Library

Deed of Gift Social Library to Public Library Town

Library in some public building belonging to said Town as shall be agreed upon by the Selectmen and Library Trustees thereof and shall forever possess the same as a department of said Public Library subject otherwise to such rules and regulations as shall be established by the Town or the Trustees of the Public Library for the management thereof.

Second That said Town shall preserve in the office of the Town Clerk the Proprietors Book of Records and a fair and readable catalogue of all books presented in said Library.

Provided Nevertheless that if the Public Library of said Town of Boylston shall at any time from any cause or reason whatsoever shall cease to exist or if said Town of Boylston shall at any time neglect or fail to carry out the conditions and intents of this deed then said Town shall cease to hold any legal right title or interest in to or upon said library and the same shall revert and return to the said proprietors or their Heirs-at-law.

To have and to hold the aforegranted library with all the privileges and benefits thereunto belonging to the said Town of Boylston for the use of its inhabitants and upon the terms and conditions and subject to the reservations exceptions and provisions herein before set forth.

In Witness Whereof We the said proprietors have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty first day of June In the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eighty

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

J. M. Wright. witness to L.B.W. L.B.2d. S.E.H. - S.Hill
A.V.R.P. H.H.B. O.S.K. - I.A.
L. Perry witness to W.H.H.
H.T. Woods " to H.H. & S.
Chas S. Pratt M.D. to H.W.
Daniel M. Hastings to H.H.B.
Alice D. Flagg " to E.D.F.

W. H. Perry {Seal}
H. H. Brigham {Seal}
A.V.R. Prouty {Seal}
Elmer Shaw {Seal}
L. D. Flagg {Seal}
Theodore Andrews {Seal}
Charles E. Wright {Seal}
Charles S. Loomis {Seal}
George E. Glazier {Seal}
George L. Wright {Seal}
Henry Wade {Seal}
Oliver S. Kendall {Seal}
H. T. Barnes {Seal}
Elizabeth D. Flagg {Seal}

A true Copy Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk of the Proprietors.

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Transfer of Social Library to Public Library

We the subscribers Trustees of the Boylston Social Library, or library association existing in the town of Boylston hereby certify that we have this day transferred the library owned by said Association to the Trustees of the Public Library of the town of Boylston together with a good and clear title deed of gift of the same pursuant to the vote of the Proprietors thereof and the terms and conditions set forth in the said deed.

Dated at Boylston and Clinton in duplicate this 7th day of August A.D. 1880

Wm H. Dorr
Henry White
C. F. Wright
C. D. Longley

Trustees of the Boylston Social Library

Copy. Attest
C. F. Wright
Clerk of the Trustees
Boylston Social Library

We the subscribers Trustees of the Boylston Public Library hereby certify that We transact this day received from the Trustees of the Boylston Social Library the library owned by them together with a good and clear title deed of gift of the same to the town of Boylston pursuant to the vote of said proprietors and the terms and conditions set forth in said deed and do hereby in the name and behalf of said town of Boylston acknowledge the said donation and return thanks for the same

Boylston Aug 7th 1880

Henry S. Kimball
Geo D. Wright
F. B. Willard
C. D. Longley

Trustees of the Boylston Public Library

Copy. Attest
Geo D. Wright
Clerk of the Trustees

Proceedings of Trustees Septembers 11th

Boylston Sept 18, 1880

At the quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library held this day pursuant to the vote passed at the last meeting of the Board

Present Rec H.S. Kimball Chairman. Messrs Wright & Longley

The following business was transacted to wit

1st The records of the last meeting were read & accepted

The Committee on Cataloging presented his report which in substance was that he had attended to the duties assigned pursuant to the votes and directions from the Board. also presenting a bill for printing Catalogues which was presented to the Selectmen at their last meeting for their Order on the Treasurer. and which was granted & paid. as follows.

To W.J. Coulter to pay same for Printing	
650 Catalogues — Thirty dollars	$ 31.00
1000 Book Labels two dollars & fifty cents	2.50
In all to the amount of	$33.50

The report was accepted and the bill allowed.

George A Wright presented a bill for Extra services in Covering & Labeling the Books Making Catalogues and Lettering the Library — Twenty-five dollars $25.00

To Money paid out 2.30

In all. Twenty seven dollars & thirty cents $27.30

And this bill was approved and the Clerk ordered to present the same to the Selectmen for their order on the Treasurer.

The Librarian submitted his accounts to the Trustees for examination which were found correct and receipts for moneys in his hands passed to the Selectmen as follows

$5.70

Boylston Sept 18, 1880

Received of the Selectmen of Boylston Twenty Seven dollars & Seventy five cents in full for Catalogues sold to date

(Mr Longley for us.)

H.S. Kimball
Geo L. Wright
E.D. Longley
A.T.R. Prouty
} Trustees of the Library

The Trustees assisted by A. Bigelow permission to use the reference library. as follows to wit

Permission

Quarterly Meeting of Trustees continued

Permission is hereby given to J Addison Bigelow
to use the reference library in connection with the
Boylston Public Library pursuant to Article 11th of the
Regulations
Boylston Sept 13. 1881

H S Kimball
Geo L Wright
C J Longley
A O R Prouty
} Trustees

The following votes were also passed,
Voted that the matter respecting the Librarians salary
referred to this meeting be laid over until the quarterly
meeting of the board in December next
Voted that the Librarian Exercise his
judgement in loaning books to transient
citizens of the town
Voted to adjourn the quarterly meeting to the third
Saturday in December next at one o'clock in the
afternoon
By order of the Trustees
A true record Attest George L Wright Clerk of the Board

$5 70 Boylston Centre Mass Oct 2. 1880
Received of the Trustees of the Boylston Public
Library Five and Seventy one hundredths (5.70)
dollars On account of catalogues sold,
L. L. Flagg Treasurer of the town of Boylston
A true copy Attest Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Boylston Centre Mass Nov 7. 1880
Received of the Treasurer on the Selectmen's order
Twenty-Seven dollars & thirty cents to pay Geo. L.
Wright for Services he rendered in filling up the
Library pursuant to bill recorded on page 43.
$27.30
George L Wright Clerk of the
Trustees

Boylston Nov 7. 1880 Rec'd the above amount
of the Trustees Geo. L. Wright

Catalogue of Books formerly belonging to the

Boylston Social Library

Theology

Adams Hannah View of Religions	Number of Book	1
Bush George Millennium	" "	2
Blair Hugh Sermons Vols 1 2.	" "	3–16
Benedict David History of all Religions	"	4
Buroder George Village Sermons 2 vols	"	6-7-8
Buckminster Joseph S. Sermons	" "	9
Chalmers Thomas "	" "	10
Cappe Catherine Memoir, with	" "	11
discourses of Rev Newcome Cappe	" "	
Christian Consolations	" "	12
Doddridge P. Discourses on Regeneration	" "	13
Edwards Jonathan Sermons	" "	15
" " " Free Will	" "	17
Fordyce James Sermons.	" "	378
Griffin Edward D. Lectures	" "	20
Jay William Sermons Vols 1 2.	" "	18–19
Isaac Williams Sermons bell	" "	22
Kenrick Rev's Evidence Revealed Religion	" "	5–
Newton Thomas On the Prophecies 2 vols	" "	37 21
Reed & Matheson Visit to American Churches 2 vols	" "	23 24
Smith & Olmsted On the Prophecies	" "	25
Swedenborg Emanuel Heaven & Hell	" "	26
" " Last Judgement &c	" "	27
" " Doctrine New Jerusalem	" "	28
" " Angelic Wisdom	" "	14
Seougal H Works of God in Souls of Men	" "	29
Scott Thomas Force of Truth.	" "	38
Tappan David Lectures	" "	30
" " Sermons,	" "	31
Watts Isaac Sermons	" "	32
" " Discourses,	" "	33
" " Guide to Prayer	" "	34
Wise John Government & Churches	" "	39
Price Richard Sermons.	"	36
Zollikofer G. J. Exercises of Piety	" "	35–

Biography

Adams John Quincy Life of	W H Seward	" " 40
Alexander the Great	J Williams	" 41

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Catalogue of Boylston Social Library (continued)

Biography (continued)

Bowers Francis Life of 2 vols		number of Book	42-43
Brainard David " " Jona Edwards		" "	44
Biographia Americana		" "	45
Butts & Poets Lives of Johnson 2 vols		" "	46-47
Bonaparte Napln " " Scott 2 "		" "	48-49
Charles XII " " M. de Voltaire		" "	50
Clay Henry " " Geo D. Prentice		" "	51
D'Aubigne " "		" "	52
Cornelius Elias " " B. B. Edwards		" "	53
Eaton William " "		" "	54
Franklin Benjamin " " Autobiography		" "	55
Gardener James " " P. Doddridge		" "	56
George IV of England Croisley		" "	57
Hale Matthew Gilbert Burnett		" "	58
Howard John J. B. Brown		" "	59
Indian Biography Thatcher 2 vols		" "	60-61
Josephine Empress John S. Memes		" "	64
Lafayette Marquis		" "	62
Lawrence Ann of Diary & Correspondence		" "	63
Mary Queen of Scotts H. G. Bell 2 vols		" "	65-66
Mechanics Eminent		" "	67
Mohammed Life of Geo Bush		" "	68
More Hannah Life of Wm Roberts 2 vols		" "	69-70
Nelson Lord Life of Robert Southey 2 vols		" "	71
Newton Isaac " David Brews Ter		" "	72-73
Napoleon in Exile 2 vols O'meara		" "	74-75
(St) Paul Life of		" "	76
Payson Edward Life of Asa Cummings		" "	77
Penn William Life of Clarkson		" "	78
Perry Oliver H.		" "	79
Porteous Beilby		" "	80
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Sparks Jared American Biography 15 vols			83-to 96 & 361
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" "	J. G. Holland	" " "	345
Scott-Winfield +	Andrew Jackson	" " "	368
Carson Kit	Life + Adventures, Tales	" " "	373

History

All Nations	S. G. Goodrich	2 vols	" " "	107-08
American Revolution	" "		" " "	109 10
Antiquarian Researches			" " "	111
Bancroft George	His U. S.	10 vols *	" " "	112 to 119 +1093 0/4
Belnap Jeremy	" N. H.	3 "	" " "	120-22
Bible the	His of	2 "	" " "	123-24
Bradford Alden	His Mass	3 "	" " "	125-27
Biet. U. S.	Davis +		" " "	128
Gutzlaff's	His China	2 vols	" " "	129-30
Hopkins Mark	Puritans + Rev. Hist.	3 vols.		131 33
Howe S. G.	Greek Revolution		" " "	134
Hume David	His. England	12 vols	" "	135-146
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Josephus'	works	6 vols	" " "	148-153
Macauley T. B.	His England	5 "	" "	154-58
Millot Abbe	Elements of History	5 "	" " "	159-63
Millmans	His Jews	3 "	" " "	164-66
Moshems	Church His	2 "	" " "	171-72
Motley J. L.	Dutch Republic	3 "	" " "	173-75
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Prescott-Wm	H. Ferdinand + Isabella	3 vols	" "	179-81
"	Conquest of Peru	2 "	" "	182-83
"	" " Mexico	3 "	" "	184-86
"	Philip second	3 "	" "	187-89
Robertsons	His America	2 vols	" "	190-91
"	Charles V.	4 "	" " "	192-95
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In the Board of Library Trustees. Dec 18. 1880.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the 18th of September last
present Rev. Henry S. Kimball Chairman. Rev Messrs W.H.
Willard + A.V.R. Prouty.
The records of the last meeting were read + approved
The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement
concerning the library as is following.

Quarterly Report of Librarian

The Librarian presents the following statement concerning
the Library for the quarter ending December 18. 1880.

The number of volumes catalogued and ready for
circulation September 2d 1880 was 1.110 volumes
Since then there has been added by donation 10 "
Making the whole no of vols now in the Library to be 1,120 volumes
Since Sept 2. 1880 the date of its opening the Library has been
open for the delivery + return of books on 16 days.
The number of books taken Sept 2. was 38 volumes
and the whole number during the 3 months from that period
to the present time has been 991 volumes
(including 987. registered + several transient of which no record was kept)
with an average of 66 3/15 vols for each library day. The number of books
taken out on the last day was 82 volumes
Number of borrowers One Hundred + forty-nine 149
The Librarian would state that works of fiction + light
literature have a greater demand than others.
The works of T.S. Arthur, Mrs Holmes, J.T. Trowbridge, Mrs
H.B. Stowe (Mrs A.D.T. Whitney + Miss Phelps are especially asked for
Scotts Waverlies, Coopers + Edw Monnes works are also
extensively taken. Among the younger portion of the readers
Wm T. Adams are more generally read. The books in the Social
Library also seem to receive a good share of the circulation
The Librarian would also call the attention of the Trustees
to the careful manner in which the books are used by borrowers
During the quarter now ended the Librarian has been forced
to recover only five volumes. I would also call the attention
of the Trustees to the donations made at this meeting for which
the acknowledgements of the Town are due

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Boylston Dec 18. 1880. George L. Wright Librarian"

Financial Statement

The Librarian presents to the Trustees the following statement of
money

1880

Pub Library Trustees. December 18. 1880 (Continued)

Money received during the quarter ending Dec 18, 1880
Dec 18. 1880 Amount received from Sale of Catalogues $2.10
" " " Fines 1.40
$3.50

In hands of Rev H. S. Kimball catalogues .45
Total Amount $3.95

Amount previously reported & paid town treas
(Sept 18) see receipts recorded on page 44. 5.70
(E. O. E.) $9.65

Boylston Dec 18. 1880 Geo I Wright Librarian

Ordered that the foregoing reports be accepted and receipts were passed for money in the hands of the Librarian in substance as follows.

Boylston Dec 18. 1880. Received of Geo I Wright Librarian of the Boylston Public Library Three dollars & fifty cents in full for all monies in his hands for the quarter from Sept 18 to Dec 18. 1880.

H. S. Kimball } Trustees
F. B. Willard } of
A. V. R. Prouty } Library

Salary Ordered that the salary of the Librarian from the opening of the Library until the close of the current year shall be Thirty dollars.

Return of Books Ordered that the Librarian be instructed not to accept of the return of books unless made at the Library

Donation Ordered that we hereby accept the generous donation of books which James Greenwood Jr has been released to make to the Library and that the Clerk of this board return the thanks of the Library for the same

Adjournment Voted to adjourn this meeting until the Saturday preceding the Second Tuesday of February 1881, & so it is declared adjourned

Attest

Geo I Wright Clerk
of the Board of Trustees

Rec'd Library Trustees — Boylston Jan 1. 1881

3.50 Receipt from Town Treasurer

Received of Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees of the Public Library Three dollars and fifty cents in full for all monies in the hands of said Trustees on account of the Sale of Catalogues & fines received for the quarter Ending Dec 18. 1880

L. L. Flagg Treasurer.

A true copy Attest
Geo L Wright Clerk 3d Trustees

List of Books donated to the Public Library from James Greenwood Jr. as record on page 54.

Feb 19 Proceedings

Proceedings of the Library Trustees February 19. 1881.

In Board of Trustees pursuant to the adjournment of the 18th of February 1880. and the By Laws of the town

The records were read and accepted.

Ordered That all fines incurred on December 25th last the day being a legal holiday and the fines incurred January 29th last. the roads being blocked & impassable from snow be abated.

Reports

The report of the Librarian. was presented & read.

The report of the Clerk respecting monies received and Expended and a form for the general report of the board were also presented (all of which are appended to this record) and thereon

Ordered That the several presented by the Clerk, together with the report of the Librarian and the account of monies received and paid out be accepted and adopted by this board as their annual report to be presented to the town at their annual meeting in March next.

The following communication was prepared to be presented to the Selectmen.

Petition to Selectmen

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston

Gentlemen — We the undersigned Trustees of the

The Board of Trustees. February 19. 1881

Petition filed

To the Public Library respectfully petition your honorable board that you will insert the following articles in your warrants for the annual meeting of the town in March next as follows to wit

Article To choose a board of Trustees for the Public Library.

" To see what sum or sums of money the town will appropriate for the benefit of the Public Library. for the year ensuing or to act in any manner relating thereto

Boylston Feb. 19. 1881

(Signed)

H. S. Kimball
Geo L Wright
C. F. Longley
} Trustees of the Public Library

Voted Ordered that the amount of the fine assessed upon Wesley Warner for injury done to book while in his possession be placed at twenty-five cents

Acknowledgments Ordered that the board hereby return the acknowledgements of the town for the Copy of the Hosting & Dedication Services at the Worcester Soldiers Monument received from the Worcester Industrial Savings

Reopening Library Ordered. the Library be reopened for the circulation of books on Saturday next March 26th instant

Reports recorded Ordered that the several reports adopted at this meeting be recorded on the Journal of the board

Adjournment Ordered that when the board adjourn it be subject to the call of the Chairman. he being authorised to call the board together if there shall be any necessity of so doing Otherwise that the board stand adjourned Sine-die.

And accordingly be adjourned - Attest a true record

Geo L Wright - Clerk
the Trustees

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library

— for the year ending February 19, 1881. —

In Conformity with the By-Laws of the town establishing a Public Library, the Trustees thereof respectfully submit the following as their first annual report. — The organization of the Library has been a matter of recent history and with which the citizens of the town are so familiar that the Trustees feel that scarcely any formal statement of it is necessary, however to meet the requirements of established rule, suffice it for them to say that the idea of a Public Library in this town, had been agitated for some time previous to its formation for several years at their annual meetings the proprietors of the Social Library informally Expressed the desire that action might be taken by the town towards the establishment of such an institution as represented by expressing their willingness to give their own Library as a nucleus for the formation Such a one desired and offers of aid were expressed by those present being broached to the Selectmen they deemed it expedient and accordingly inserted an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting in March last to this effect "To see what action the town will take towards the establishment of a free public Library in said town or to act in any manner relating thereto." — At this meeting the sum of three hundred dollars and the dog fund of 1879 was appropriated for the establishment of the Library, and a Committee chosen "To carry the object into effect." at a subsequent meeting the Committee presented a code of by laws which were adopted by them the same Committee were constituted as Trustees of the Library until the present time, and immediately proceeded to the work of organizing and fitting the Library for circulation This was accordingly done and the Library opened on the fourth day of September last, Since that time the interest in the Library has constantly increased the citizens have numerously availed themselves of the privileges. The interest manifested has far exceeded the most sanguine Expectations of the Trustees — In connection therewith we would call attention of the town to the accompanying statement made by the Librarians relative to the circulation of the Library.

During the past year donations to the Library have been received. In case personal donations to aid in enlarging the Trustees would call attention to the fact that the Act to establish and maintain Public Libraries

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Report of the Trustees Continued

During the months of February the Trustees made a full examination of the Library and considering the extent to which — and the circumstances under which — the books had been circulated found it in as good condition as could be expected. The Trustees would however urge upon you, the necessity of some judicious way to replace that the greatest possible amount of service may be obtained from the books.

The Public Library is an established fact it is a part of our town's institutions. And in order for it to prove successful it must meet the wants and suit the tastes of all every class of reading must find of food upon its shelves. The great tendency of the day is to light and careless reading. That which requires the exertion and pleases for the time being. We would that people cultivate higher tastes for reading selecting something that will instruct as well as please and especially would we that the taste be acquired by the youth.

Books by distinguished writers contain the elements of character the more familiar the person's acquaintance with them and the higher the standard of his reading so much the higher will be his moral standard. They are not only pleasing companions in youth but also a source and comfort in declining years.

In connection with our own Library the Trustees do not wish to direct the public reading nor to throw upon themselves the absolute authority of deciding what books shall be purchased for the Library without this power is given to the Trustees of the Town. But we feel that the Public Library is an institution of the people supported by public taxation and as such every intelligent citizen has some voice in

Report of the Trustees. Continued

saying what class of literature shall be placed upon its shelves. In selecting books for a Public Library there are a multitude of tastes to be consulted. Seldom can any two persons be found whose tastes in reading are alike. Hence to procure acceptable and proper works and more nearly meet with the wishes of the Library the Trustees would ask the co-operation of the citizens in suggesting to the Librarian or themselves such books as may be thought proper to be placed in the Library. Finally a Public Library to be successful must be progressive the interest once acquired must not be allowed to slacken constant Acquisitions must be made to its numbers To accomplish this end pecuniary aid must be granted by the town Accordingly the Trustees recommend the appropriation of such sums of money as the assessors of the town may think proper to success with Care forward the cost of the ensuing year.

Fellow Citizens remember that the Free Public Library is an educational institution just as important in its own particular sphere as the Common School conceived by the same mighty brain that brought the latter into such successful operation in this Commonwealth and as such can be instituted cannot it protect it as a priceless boon to be transmitted to those who follow you. It will compare favorably for all this posterity can be conferred the moral and Social Standard of the community must be vindicating the principles of Republican institutions

All of which is respectfully submitted

Boylston Feb 8. 1881

James H. Stimpson
George Lothrop
W. B. Wilson
Charles L. Longley
A. W. K. Prouty

Trustees of the Public Library

A true copy - Attest -
Geo Lothrop Jr Clerk

Report of the Librarian

To the Trustees of the Public Library

Gentlemen The Librarian submits the following report

The whole number of volumes in the Library September 4, 1880. 1,110 vols

Of which number three hundred and eighty six (386) volumes were donated by the Social Library. Twenty-two (22) volumes by Mrs John B. Gough. Thirty four (34) volumes by the Farmers and Mechanics Association. One hundred and fifty (150) volumes were added by purchase and the remainder to make up the above number were placed in the Library by the Selectmen under Chapter 26 of the Acts of the present year. Since September 4, 1880 there have been received by donation eleven (11) volumes to which the whole number of volumes in the Library

	1,121	Volumes
Pamphlets	221	
Number of days the Library has been open	23	
" " volumes delivered	1728	
Average number each day	75 3/28	
Largest number delivered in one day Feb 1, 1881	111	
Smallest " " " Sept 4, 1880	38	
Number of volumes re-covered	72	
" " injured	1	
" " persons registered	178	
" " Catalogues sold	52	
Amount received for Fines & Catalogues	$8.85	
" " " Fines	1.96	
Total		$10.81

Monthly Circulation of Books

1880 In September 168 October 356 November 215 December 288 — 1881 January 714 Feb 1 — 111 Total number 1728

During the year donations have been made as follows

Rockland Social Library	386 Volumes
Mrs John B. Gough	22 "
Boylston Farmers & Mechanics Association	34 "
Names not recorded	15 "
Received in this year's Report	1

Respectfully submitted Geo L Wright Librarian

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town

Boylston for the Year ending February 19th 1881

Dr.

1880

To cash rec'd of Town Treasurer $337.12
on the Selectmen's order
To Cash rec'd of Librarian
for fines and Sales of Catalogues 9.20

1881

Feb 19 To Total amt received $346.32

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By Cash paid Eaton & Dickson for Trustees Journal		$ 2.75
" " " Knight Adams & Co Blanks & Books		4.75
" " " Rev H.S. Kimball Expenses to Boston		3.35
" " " purchasing books		9
" " " Geo L Wright " " "		3.25
" " " A.P. Marston 115 th Invoice		8.05
" " " Lee & Shepard books as per bill		211.34
" " " " " "		36.53
" " " Expressage on books		2.10
" " " Geo D. Morse printing book		6.00
	labels cards & Numbers	
" " " W.J. Coulter " Catalogues & Labels		32.50
	Geo L Wright 3 days service	
	in fitting Library	25.00
" " " Geo L Wright Expenses paid out		2.30
		$337.92

1881

Feb 19 Cash paid Town Treas'r unexpended of Librarian 9.20

By Total amount paid out $347.12

H.S. Kimball
Geo L. Wright
H. B. Willard
C. Dunphy
A.W. Prouty
} Trustees of the Public Library

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Boylston certify, that we have examined the foregoing account and compared it with our own accounts and find the same to be correct, H.H. Woods
L.E. Hagar
Elmer Rice
} Selectmen of Boylston

Boylston Feb. 19. 1881

Copy Attest Geo L Wright Clk of Trustees

Proceedings of the Board of Trustees of Boylston Public Library.

for the year 1881.

Board of Trustees.

Chosen by the Town March 7th 1881

Rev. Henry S. Kimball	for five years	term expires March	1886
Alexander B. W. Prouty	" four "	" " "	1885
George L. Wright	" three "	" " "	1884
Miss Fanny Whitcomb	" two "	" " "	1883
Finneman M. Brigham	" one "	" " "	1882

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Town. The Board of Trustees of the Public Library met by the appointment of the Chairman of the last board — and

Present Rev. H. S. Kimball A. B. W. Prouty Geo. L. Wright and F. M. Brigham.

Ordered that the board proceed to the choice of a Chairman and Clerk for the ensuing year. And the ballots being called for and brought in, resulted in the choice of.

Rev. Henry S. Kimball as Chairman
and George L. Wright " Clerk & Treasurer

Ordered that the board proceed to the choice of a Librarian and the ballots being called for and brought in, resulted in the choice of

George L. Wright as Librarian

Ordered that this board now adjourn to Tuesday the 22d day of March instant at one o'clock in the afternoon

Adjourned.

Proceedings of the Trustees March 22d 1881.

The Board of Library Trustees pursuant to the adjournment of the fourteenth of March instant

Present, full Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Rules and By Laws of the Town were read for the instruction of the new members of the Board.

The Librarian presented his quarterly report which was read and accepted.

Librarian's Quarterly Report.

The Librarian makes the following statement for the quarter Ending March 1st 1881

The number of books taken out to February 1st 1881 was presented by the Librarian in his annual report so that no other statement is necessary

The number taken from February 1st to March 14. has been		300
" reported in annual report		1728
Total " to present time		2028
No of names registered as per annual report	178	
" " " to Mch 14. 1881 additional	17	
Total " "		195
Number of vols returned since Feb 17. 1881		6
" Catalogues sold		4
Amount received for Catalogues	.60¢	
" " Fines	.45	
Total "		$1.05
Balance in Librarians hands Feb 17. 1881		1.61
Total amt " " Mch 14 1881		$2.66

Respectfully submitted Geo L Wright Librarian

Receipts were passed for the amount in the Librarians hands as follows.

Received of Geo L Wright Librarian Two dollars and Sixty-six cents ($2.66) in full of all monies in his hands for the quarter Ending March 18. 1881

Boylston Mch 21. 1881
$2.66

H. S. Kimball
A. V. R. Trowbridge
Geo L Wright
Fannie M Whitcomb
P M Brigham

} Trustees of the Library

Permission was given to use the Reference Library as heretofore

Trustees' Meeting, March 22, 1881 cont'd

as follows.

Permission is hereby given to Mrs Elizabeth D Hayes to use the Newman Library in connection with the Boylston Public Library pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Library Regulations

Boylston March 22 1881 — H. S. Kimball, W. K. Priest, Fannie A. Whitcomb, Geo L. Wright, P. M. Brigham — Trustees of said Library

Permission is granted to Geo. A. Hastings to use the Newman Library by complying with Chapter 6th of the Regulations

Boylston March 22, 1881 — H. S. Kimball, W. K. Priest, Geo L. Wright, Fannie A. Whitcomb, P. M. Brigham — trustees of the Public Library

Ordered that the matter of Librarian's Salary for the ensuing year be laid over until the next meeting.

Ordered that the Annual meeting for the present year be held on the second Tuesday of June, the twentieth day of September and the fourteenth day of December.

The record approved for payment the following bill.

To Geo L. Wright — to pay him for services as Librarian of the Public Library from September 4 1879 to March 14 1881 — $30.00

" " " services in visiting the Library & Reading Rooms — 6.16

" " Library Supplies Rutchens, Dexter & Whitcomb — 4.00 — $36.16

And the Clerk was ordered to draw an order for the payment of the same.

The Trustees proceeded to appraise the Books in the Library and thereupon this meeting was adjourned to the 1st Tuesday of April at 7 o'clock P.M. to complete the business of the meeting

Proceedings of the Trustees — March 29. 1881.

The Board of Trustees was meet to the adjournment of the 22d of this instant March —
Present full board.
The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Ordered that the matter of Librarians Salary be taken up for consideration

Ordered that the Librarians salary for the ensuing year be fifty ($50.00) dollars.

Ordered that the Clerk of this board be instructed to inform the Selectmen that the estimated value of the Library according to the inventory submitted now on file is One thousand Six hundred dollars $1600.00 and request them to attend to the insurance of the Library

Ordered that the acknowledgments of the town be recorded in the next Boylston Public Library for same as donated also to Mrs Rev Daniel S. Whitney for one volume of the Atlantic Monthly donated to the library

Ordered that the Chairman and Clerk be a Sub-Committee to make such repairs as may be necessary for the better accommodation of the Library room in receiving books.

Adjourned to Monday Evening next April 4th at 7 o'clock, P.M. Geo L Wright Clk

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Boylston Mass April 2. 1881 Received of Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees of the Public Library two dollars & sixty six cents $2.66
In full of all monies arrising from Catalogues sold & fines received by the Librarian for the Quarter Ending March 15. 1881

L. L. Clapp Treasurer

A Copy Attest Geo L Wright Clerk of Trustees

Inventory of Books &c. in the Library,

with the estimated value as taken and determined by the Trustees, March 22-24, 1881.

Books exactly belonging to the Boylston Social Library.

1 Lot of Theological	nos.	40	vols	by estimation $ 25.00
Miscellaneous	"	80	"	" 100.00
Historical	"	115	"	" 150.00
" Scientific	"	5	"	" 50
" Annual Publications		24	"	" 50.00
" Voyages & Travels		57	"	" 75.00
all the others the Alumni works 62 vols no. &c. more or less to make				75.00

The no. of 386. volumes Total $475.50

Books received from the Trustees on this 26. day of March 1881. as appraised 594.50

Books donated or,
Sermons and Running Publications 50.00

Books donated by
the Town Pub. Library 22.00

Books exchanged
Amos Sweetser &c. 10.00

Worcester Co. Institution for Savings 1.00
$1.153.00

Books to be purchased by the Trustees
keeping Biographical, Hist. & Miscellaneous Public
Documents. Miscellaneous Surveys, to amount
under Chap. 27. Acts 1871 250.00
67.00
$1470.00

Amount for books to be placed in the Library
during the present year the amount of the
Co. appropriation 130.00
Total estimated value $1.600.00

We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library
certify that the above is a true & correct inventory
with the estimated values, of all books in the Library
possession at the last
our knowledge & belief.

Henry S. Kimball
Jamie M. Whitcomb
P. M. Brigham

Trustees
of
Library

Boylston March 29 1881
Attest Geo. Wright

Proceedings of the Trustees April 4th 11th & 15th 1851

In Library Trustees April 4 1851 pursuant to the adjournment of the 28th of March last Present full Board.
The records were read and approved
Ordered that the Board take up the matter of replenishing the Library
and the Board proceeded to the work of selecting books. and pending this
Adjourned to Tuesday Evening next,
April 11 instant at 7 o'clock P.M.
Attest Geo L Wright Clerk

Roxbury April 11th 1851.
The Board of Library Trustees met pursuant to the adjournment of the 4th inst of April inst
Present the Chairman Rev. H. B. Kimball
Messrs A.W.R. Prouty and Geo L Wright—
The matter of replenishing the Library was taken up and the work of selecting books
Continued from the last meeting and
with previous action
Adjourned to Friday Evening next.
April 15 instant at 7 o'clock P.M.
Attest Geo L Wright Clerk

Roxbury April 15. 1851. The Board of Library Trustees
Met pursuant to adjournment
Present Mr Chairman Messrs Prouty & Wright
and Miss Whitcomb
The matter of selecting books was continued and completed to the amount the part of the app'n.
Ordered that the list selected and as presented by the Clerk of the Board be accepted and adopted
and that the Clerk be authorized to the purchase of the same
Ordered That the Publishers procure and put the same at the house of Messrs Lockwood Brooks & Co Boston Mass
and that the Clerk send the order to them for fulfillment.
Ordered that the Librarian be prohibited to loan the volumes of Harper's & the Atlantic monthly Magazines now now in the Library Shelves to be found on the Shelves for circulation and also make such

We the Subscribers Trustees.

		$1.50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
		1.50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
		1.75	1 17
		1.00	67
		1.01	67
"		1.25	84
"		5.00	3 33
		1.00	67
		1.25	83
		1.75	1 17
"		net	1 15
"		1.75	1 17
		1.00	67
		1.00	67
		1.50	1 00
		1.00	67
"		2.50	1 67
		net	1 25
		"	1 00
"		1.50	1 10 Specials
"		1,50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
		1.50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
		1,50	1 00
"		1,50	1 00
		1.00	67
"		1.25	84
		1.25	84

Invoice of Doubleday, Doran & Brooks Co. Inc. 6.1.
Continued

	To amount Brought up.			
1	Circuit Rider	$	1.25	.84
"	Metropolisville		1.25	.84
"	Some body's Neighbors		1.50	1.00
"	Friendly Morin Knowing		1.00	.67
"	Uncle Tom's Cabin		2.00	1.34
"	State of a Republic		1.50	1.00
"	Dangerous Tendencies		1.25	.84
"	Tramp in the Adirondacks		1.25	.84
"	Arabian Nights		1.00	.66
"	What Can She Do		1.50	1.00
"	Near to Nature's Heart		1.50	1.02
"	A Face Illumined		1.50	1.02
"	Key of Gate		1.50	1.00
"	Knights of 19th Century		1.50	1.00
"	From East to Farnest		1.50	1.00
"	Sir William Herschell		1.50	1.00
"	Life of Macaulay		1.50	.90
"	Memoir of Guthrie		2.00	1.34
"	Bricks without Straw		1.50	1.00
"	Indian		1.50	1.02
"	Stepping Heavenward		1.75	1.17
"	Young Folk's History of Rome		1.50	.90
"	" " Greece		1.50	.90
"	" " France		1.50	.90
"	" " England		1.50	.90
"	" " Bible		1.50	.90
"	Hope Mills		1.50	.95
"	Suffolk Surnames		1.50	1.02
"	Summer Jaunt Through Europe		2.50	1.84 Special
"	Westboro' Reform School		.50	.30
"	Americans in Holland		1.75	1.05
"	Ashcroft		1.00	.67
"	House Plans		1.50	1.02
"	Barns Out-buildings &c		4.00	2.67
"	Year of Wreck		1.25	.84
"	Camp Life in Florida		1.50	1.02
"	Being a Boy		1.50	1.00
"	Envelope		.60	.45 Special
"	Practical Taxidermist		1.50	1.00
	Amount carried over			$

Bill of Books purchased May 12th 1881 continued—

In Quest Brought up			
Social Life	1.25	84	
Christmas Tide	1.25	84	
Three Califons	1 25	84	
Kenneth	1 25	84	
Kirkland Woods	1 25	84	
Heir of Redcliffe	1 75	1 17	
" Days of Chivalry	1 75	1 17	
The Trial	1 75	1 17	
The Grocers Tell us	1 0	70	Special
" Work and Conquest Hermione	1 50	1 00	
[illegible]	1 50	1 00	
Up & Doing Common things	3 00	2 00	
" Young Folks Autobiography		2 17	
Juno "	2 00	1 50	Special
Ecce Coelum	1 0 0	75	"
Wickersham Method Teaching	1 [illegible]	1 28	
" Neal Gordon	1 5 [illegible]	1 00	
" Wickersham School Economy net		1 08	
" Rose Acre	1 5 0	1 00	
" [illegible]	2 0 0	1 34	
Six Months in a Queen's [illegible]	2 5 0	1 67	
" Eris and Cotho	1 5 0	1 00	
Six Weeks and Sandhurst	2 5 0 net	2 00	Special
Bits of Bobbie	2 5 0	1 67	
Quentin	2 5 0	1 67	
" Peculiars Alaska	1 5 0	1 00	
" [illegible]	net	67	
" Dr Willoughby & his Wife	1 5 0	1 00	
" Under the Rose	1 0 0	67	
" Travels Exposed	3 5 0	2 80	Sub Book
Jessie's Home of Washington	3 0 0	2 00	
Civil Wars 3 vols	15 0 0	9 00	
		$118.35	
Discount from amount		85	
		$117.00	
for [illegible]		75	
		$117.75	

H. L. Kimball
A. W. Young
Asst Weigh Clerk
Asst Weigher
Gen Appraiser

Proceedings of the Trustees June 21st 1881.

At a Meeting — of the Trustees of the Public Library held on Tuesday June 21st A.D. 1881. at 7½ o'clock P.M. it being the Quarterly meeting of said Board

Present Full Board,

The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The Clerk of the Board submitted a verbal report on the purchase of books as ordered by them at their last meeting - which being satisfactory, and pursuant the votes of the board, was accepted. The Clerk also reported that four volumes of Magazines have been bound at a cost of four ($4.00) dollars - which was satisfactory to the board. — The Librarian submitted his quarterly report in substance as follows viz.

Librarian's Quarterly Report.

Your Librarian submits the following report for the quarter Ending June 21st 1881. = Number of books reported as circulated March 18. (From Feb 1.) three hundred (300) Number taken for the quarter from March 18. to June 21. One Thousand two hundred & Eight - (1,208) Total no from Feb 1. to present time One Thousand five hundred and Eight (1508) Total no from opening of Library to present time Three thousand two hundred thirty-six (3236) No of names already reported registered one hundred and ninety-five (195) registered since March 18th Thirty four (34) whole no on the books Two-hundred & Twenty-nine (229) No of books re-covered since March 18 fifty four (54) previously Seventy two (72) Total One hundred & Twenty six (126) adding = 101 new books making as grand total of 233 vols. = No of catalogues sold 6. No fined for detention of books 9. Amount received for Catalogues $ .90

" " " fines 1.12

Total $2.02

No of vols in the Library March 18 = 1.121

Added since that date By purchase 106

" " donation 1

" " Binding 4 - Total now in the Library 1.232

The attention of the Trustees is called to donations made by Hon Phineas Ball Worcester and Miss Susie A. Partridge also of Worcester - for which the Thanks of the Town are now due Attention is also called to the Schedule accompanying this report prepared for the Tenth Census of the U. S. During the quarter there have been 1 repaired and put into circulation 107 volumes [illegible] by the Board. The subject on the Library

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Proceedings of the Trustees June 21st 1881 Continued—

Voted to accept the above report of the Librarian
Voted That the thanks of the town are hereby returned to the Hon. Phineas Ball ex Mayor of the City of Worcester a native of this town and also to Miss Susan A. Partridge of Worcester formerly of this town for donations made the Library

Voted the Treasurer of the Board be and is hereby authorized to have three hundred (300) copies of the Supplementary Catalogue of new books printed
Voted to contract with Wm J Conlee of Clinton for the above printing - and also that the list of books be inserted in the Boylston items of the Clinton Courant
The following bills were approved for payment
To pay Sanford & Co Worcester—
for binding 4 vols Magazines @1.00 $4.00
four dollars

Receipts were passed to the Librarian for money in his hands in substance as follows.
—Received of George S. Wright—Librarian the sum of Two dollars & Sixteen Cents (#2.16) In full of all monies in his hands for the quarter ending June 21. 1881
Boylston June 21st 1881
#2.16 — No 2.

H. S. Kimball
A. V. R. Prouty
F. M. Whitcomb
P. M. Brigham
} Trustees of the Boylston Public Library

The business being completed
Voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman if any necessary business shall occur. Otherwise to stand adjourned to the next quarterly meeting
Attest Geo S Wright—Clerk of the Board

Boylston July 2. 1881 Received of George S Wright Treasurer of the Trustees of the Public Library two dollars & Sixteen Cents (#2.16) In full for all Catalogues Fines 1.20 sold and forms in the hands of all Trustees for the quarter ending June 21. #1881.
#2.16
L. L. Flagg Treasurer
Copy Attest Geo S Wright Clerk of Trustees

Proceedings of Trustees September 20th

At a meeting —

Tuesday Sept 20th 1881 at 8 P.M. the regular monthly meeting of the Board

Present Messrs Hall Locke Wright Simonds and the Librarian.

Circulation — Nov [illegible] 1,111

" " [illegible] 1,30[illegible]

" " [illegible] 2,0[illegible]

[illegible] 4,37[illegible]

Borrowers — No of Borrowers reported June 1

" " added [illegible]

Whole " " 141

Books Re-Covered reported June 1st [illegible]

" new " 43

[illegible]

No of vols in Library June 1 1,232 vols

[illegible]

Respectfully submitted [illegible]

Statement of Monies so Received during [illegible]

Amount received for Cat [illegible] $1.60

" " " Fines 2.23

[illegible] $3.83

Boylston Sept 20. 1881

The above report was upon motion accepted

Upon motion of the Trustees reported verbally concerning [illegible]

Catalogue of Books ordered at this [illegible]

[illegible]

Be drawn upon Comptr Chilton

for 300 Supplementary Catalogues $3.50

Receipts were handed to the Librarian for monies on hand in substance as follows — Received of Geo Wright Librarian of the Boylston Public Library Two dollars & Eighty Three Cents in full for all fines levied & catalogues sold for the quarter ending Sept 20. 1881 [illegible]

Attest George A. Wright Clerk

1881-82

Proceedings of Trustees December 20th

At a meeting — held on Tuesday December 20th 1881 at which were present the executive committee of the Board Messrs Rev W.S. Kimball, Rev E. Wright and W.M. Brigham voted to adjourn one week to Tuesday December 27th inst at 7½ o'clock P.M. then and there to transact the business of this meeting. Attest Geo E. Wright Clerk — per order of the Trustees

Pursuant to the adjournment of the 20th of this instant

The Trustees met at the library on Tuesday December 27th 1881 at the hour of 7½ P.M.

Present Rev W.S. Kimball Chairman, A.N.K. Proctor, Geo E. Wright Clerk, F.M. Whitcomb, Absent — W.M. Brigham

The records were read and approved.

The Librarian submitted the following reports for the quarter ending December 20th inst viz

No of Books Taken out since September 20th	1,103 vols
" " " previous to " (present year)	2,629 "
" " " for present year up to Dec 20,	3,732 vols
Borrowers names registered since Sept 20th	11
" " previously "	241
	252
No of volumes repaired	8
" " re-covered	52
" " added (By Donation)	5
Whole no " now in Library	1,237

Boylston Dec 20, 1881 Geo E. Wright Librarian

Statement of moneys received for quarter ending December 20th inst viz

Amount received for fines	$1.60
" " Sale of Catalogues	.45
Amount.	$2.05

Boylston Dec 20, 1881 Geo E. Wright

Voted to accept the above reports.

Voted that the Librarian be instructed to return the thanks of the Trustees to Mrs Lucius Allen of Worcester for the donation of two volumes "My Farm of Edgewood" and "St Philips" made by her through Rev Lyman S. Walker of this town

Voted that the Thanks of the board be also recorded to ~~the~~ Messrs D. Appleton & Co of New York for One volume entitled "Progress and Poverty".

also to Mr Henry V. Woods Chairman of the Selectmen for two volumes "XXXIX Annual Report of Registration Mass." and "Annual Report of Board of Health Charity & Sundries"

Voted that the Librarian prepare and post in the Library under the names of the Trustees a suitable rule or rules requiring care from wastage of books by borrowers while in their possession.

The following bills were approved for payment viz

To Ray Sanford & Co Worcester

For repairing 8 volumes as per bill $1.60

To Ray "George" S. Knight.

For Money paid out Express Charges on books .30

$1.90

Voted the the Treasurer of the Board pay the above bills from the amount of fines for the quarter ending Sept 20th

Receipts were passed to the Librarian for the amount of fines in his hands viz Subscription as follow

Boylston Dec 20. 1881 Rec'd of Geo S. Knight Librarian of the Public Library the sum of two hundred five-one hundredths dollars $2.05

In full for fines rec'd and catalogues sold for the quarter ending December 20. 1881

(Signed) H.S. Kimball
A.W.R. Prouty
F.M. Whitcomb
Trustees.

Voted That when the Board adjourn it be the call of the Chairman if any necessary business shall arise otherwise to stand adjourned to the annual meeting provided by the By Laws on the second Wednesday in February next

Adjourned

Attest: Geo S. Knight Clerk

Donations made to the Library.

[illegible] January [illegible] 1882. The Trustees have to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations, to wit

[illegible] & Co. [illegible] Vol. [illegible]

[illegible] Statistics & Geology of [illegible] Vol. [illegible]

" [illegible] Mineralogical [illegible]

" [illegible]

" [illegible] Father John A. Broadhead

" Lieut. Clifton [illegible] Brevet Major U.S.A.

" [illegible] Brevet Major U.S.A.

" [illegible] Vol. [illegible]

" [illegible]

" [illegible] volumes Agricultural & Horticultural records [illegible] 12mo

[illegible] Town Plat [illegible]

[illegible] Map [illegible]

[illegible] Town Plan

[illegible] Annual Report. Henry Stewart

[illegible] Statistics of Farm & Garden Products Henry Stewart

[illegible] Reports. C.H. Leland

[illegible] from the Hon. Ebenezer Ball of Worcester.

Three Volumes [illegible] to wit —

Collections Historical & Miscellaneous Chicago Society

Thomas Baldwin (2nd) Memoirs. 3 vols.

[illegible] Journal

[illegible] "Jersey Waifs" & "Rambles" with a note by Joseph H. Walker of Worcester from the author.

Communication to Trustees from C. A. Leveridge Dunellen N.J.

Dunellen Middlesex Co New Jersey Feb 28 P.O. Box 36 March 6. 1882

Dear Sir Will you Exchange two copies of your early History in New England for a choice collection of mineral Specimens which are catalogued located Named and numbered carefully wrapped in box for sending they are worth $15.00 many of them came from the Exhibition Centennial 1876 Philadelphia and are very interesting as well as some were used many foreign I will be pleased to hear from you

Most respectfully Yours

C A Leveridge Prof Nat His & Geology

Annual Meeting of the Trustees February 21, 1882.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on Tuesday February 21, 1882
it being the annual meeting of said Board called in
pursuance to the By Laws of the Library.

Present full board —

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bill was presented and approved viz

To Jay George D. Wright for binding Catalogue ... $ 1.50

The several annual reports (as appointed to the record viz.
presented and accepted. and

Voted that reports submitted at this meeting be accepted
and adopted as the annual report of this board to be
presented to the town in March next

Voted that this report, together with the By Laws of the
Library be printed with the annual reports of the other town
officers.

Voted that the Clerk prepare & submit in proper form
the thanks of the board to the family of the late
Oliver S. Kendall, for the donations made by their late
father & also for the faithfulness with which they have
carried out his intentions. Also to the Honorable
Phinehas Ball, for his donation of twenty-five volumes
and to Hon Joseph H. Walker of Worcester, for one vol.
to Charles F. Sanford Esq of Worcester (a son of the late Rev
Wm H. Sanford formerly of this town, for three vols.

Voted that when the board adjourn it be subject
to the call of the Chairman if any necessary business
shall arise. Otherwise to stand adjourned sine-
die - and accordingly adjourned

Attest a true record

Geo D. Wright Clerk.

Report of Trustees for year ending March 1st 1882.

The Trustees of the Public Library hereby submit to their fellowcitizens as a part of their annual report to the town the following report of the Librarian, together with their own report of monies received and Expended on account of the Library.

Librarian's Report.

To the Trustees of the Public Library — The Librarian herewith submits the following report for the year ending February 20. 1882

Accession

Number of volumes in the Library as reported February 19. 1881	1.121
Increase during the year by purchase	106
" gifts	80
" binding Magazines	4
received of the Commonwealth under Chap 26 Acts 1881.	10
Total number of volumes in the Library	1.321
Number of pamphlets in the Library Feb 19. 1881	221
" " " " 20. 1882	220

During the last year twenty three pamphlets have been received and the decrease from the number reported last year is due to binding magazines.

No books have been lost during the past year.

Circulation

No of days the Library was open		51
" Vols delivered		4.311
Largest no of volumes delivered in any one day Feb. 26. 1881		192
Smallest " " " " Nov 12. 1881		62
Average " " "		88
No of Volumes re-covered		415
" " repaired		8
" [illegible]		17
Persons fined for detention of Books	1	43
Names registered as reported Feb 19. 1881	178	
" " during the year.	80	
Total number of names registered		258

Monthly Circulation of Books.

February 26	1036 vols	June	341 vols
March	371 "	July	428 "
April	471 "	August	339 "
May	298 "	September	329 "

Report of Trustees of Public Library of Pembroke

October	313 vols	Carried forward	333 vols
November	348 "	" Dec 31st	86 "
December	485 "	Total	4,371 vols

During the past year donations have been received as follows

Mrs Rev Daniel F. Whitney	Pembroke	1 vols
Hon Thaddeus Ball	Worcester	25 "
Mrs Francis F. Drew	"	9 "
Charles C. Dunbar	"	3 "
Hon Joseph A. Walker	"	1 "
Chas A. Fairbanks	"	
Hon Oliver F. Kendall		314 11 pcs
Edward A. Wade		1 "
An unknown friend through S. Applebee Esq.		1 "
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		10 "

Special acknowledgement is due to Hon Thaddeus Ball, a native of Worcester of this town for his generous gift of twenty-five volumes, including Chambers Encyclopaedia (10 vols) Also to the family of the late Oliver F. Kendall for the faithful manner in which they have carried the intentions of Mr Kendall, both in arranging his donation of books and in procuring a photographic album of sufficient capacity for one hundred and twenty photographs, to be used according to the donors plan. For a collection of the photographs of Mr Oliver and friends and relatives of the donor - a plan which if fully carried out will in time prove a most valuable accession to the towns history.

The circulation of the library during the past year has exceeded the most sanguine expectation. As will be seen by the above table the whole number of volumes taken during the year was 4,371 With a view to know the extent of the circulation of the library during the first year of its existence the librarian computed the number of books from Sept 1. 1880 (the date of opening the library) to Sept 20. 1881 and found the number to be 4,357 vols The total number of books taken out since the opening of the library has been 6,099 volumes. The librarians account is as follows

Dr	To amount received for sale of catalogues	$ 2.54	
"	" fines	6.38	
	Balance in librarians hands Dec 19. 1881	1.61	$ 10.54
Cr	By amount paid Trustees		$ 10.54

Respectfully submitted Geo D. Wright Librarian

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Report of Trustees for year ending November 30th 1882

The Trustees take great pleasure in reporting that the affairs of the Library have been successfully conducted during the past year and its condition as prosperous as could be expected. The benefits derived from the Public Library are becoming more and more apparent. A great majority of the readers have been from the young people, and a better judgement and more judicious selection of books has been noticed and a higher and purer tone of literature has been called for and read. All of these signs of improvement the Trustees note with pleasure.

During the past year donations to the Library have been received from several persons, to all of whom the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgements of the town. Especially is the Library indebted to Stephen Salisbury Esq of Worcester, for his generous gift, and to the family of the late Oliver Bowers Prescott, for the donation left by him — and in addition to the acknowledgements already made by the Librarian in his report the Trustees desire to record their appreciation of this gift, not only for its intrinsic value, but also as a memento of affection from an honored citizen to his native town.

During the past month the Trustees made a full Examination of the Library and considering the extent to which and the circumstances under which the books have been circulated, — found it in as good condition as could be expected.

Appended to this report, by order of the Board will be found the By-Laws, adopted by the Town for the government of the Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Henry S. Kimball.
A.V.R. Prouty.
George S. Wright
E.M. Whitcomb
F.M. Brigham

Trustees of the Public Library

Boylston February 20. 1882

Attest Geo S. Wright Clerk of the Board

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Organization & Minutes of the Trustees.

for the year 1882. — and ending March 1st 1883.

Board of Trustees.

Benjamin A. Brigham	for five years term Expires March		1887
Rev Henry S. Kimball	" four "	" "	1886
Alexander V. R. Prouty	" three "	" "	1885
George S. Wright	" two "	" "	1884
Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb	" one "	" "	1883

Resigned from Board April 1882

At a meeting of the Trustees held on Wednesday March 15. 1882.

Present Rev H. S. Kimball and Messrs Prouty and Wright.

Benjamin A. Brigham chosen by the town March 6. inst as a member of said board for the term of five years, appeared and took his seat as a member of said board

The records of the last meeting were read and approved

Election for year

The board proceeded to an organization for the Ensuing year and the ballots were called for and brought in and resulted in the choice of

A. V. R. Prouty as Chairman and

George S. Wright as Clerk and Treasurer.

George S Wright was also chosen Librarian

Thanks to Rev H.S. Kimball

Voted that the thanks of the board be and are hereby returned to the Rev Henry S. Kimball the retiring Chairman of the Board for the ability efficiency and impartiality with which he presided over the deliberations of the Board.

Quarterly meetings

Voted that the quarterly meetings of the board for the current year be held at 7 o'clock P.M. as follows. viz

On the 22d August 7th November 30th and February 15th (1883)

Voted that the salaries or compensation for the current year be the same as last year ($50.00)

Resignation, acceptance and consent of the donation

U.S. Kendall's donation

Mr. Col. U.S. Kendall was presented and adopted

[illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] in lieu of [illegible] to March [illegible] 30. 1882. We [illegible] the [illegible] Kendall acknowledgements [illegible] and [illegible] resolutions entered

J.S. Henderson

M. Smith

Wright's Bill

$61.00

$15.00

$15.00

Acct. Bks

Regular Meeting of Trustees Public Library Boylston Mass Jan 2nd 1882

Meeting called to order by Chairman. Books for the refurnishment of the Library Hall were examined and the best selected.

Voted to adopt the Report of Committee.

Voted that the Report be purchased through Messrs Hansford & Co Worcester. Provided on good terms can be had as near as possible.

Voted that the Circle Furniture Manufacturing Co's Supplements and Revolving Arms be purchased.

Bill amounting to $36.00 for Labor and Materials rendered by Mr Phinehas Ball and Mr Edward Bemis were submitted and accepted (as appended to this record)

Then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman

Attest Geo L Wright Clerk.

We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston hereby desire to return you the name of the Town. Our thanks for the valuable donation which Hansford you have been pleased to make to this Library. We accept the gift with pleasure, and recognize in it the grateful offering of one whose earliest recollections were associated with this town, and whose boyhood and youth were spent in its midst. — It gives us additional pleasure to receive this gift— knowing as it will do, the more recall the faithful ministrations of your honored Father; his valuable principles, and counsels during a long pastorate of more than twenty years at this place & which people to receive, and whose memory they will love to venerate.

Boylston March 10, 1882

Henry D. Kimball
Geo L Wright
W. M Brigham
Trustees of the Public Library of Boylston

Per Geo L Wright Clerk By order of the Board

We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston hereby desire to tender to you our appreciation for the valuable donation which you have made to the Library during the past year. We trust the works will prove from their character and standard value an object of interest & will have been more appreciated by us. We desire also to thank you for the constant

interest which you have taken in the Library since its organization.
We shall value this donation as a gratuitous evidence of your
love to this native town.

Boylston March 20. 1882 — E. U. R. Crosby, Henry K. Kimball, [illegible], J. M. Whitcomb — Board of Trustees

Leo L. Wright Sec'y by order of the Board

April 28th Rev Henry S. Kimball who had who held the office of Trustee
Vacancy in Trustees. for four years ensuing from the annual town meeting in March
last having removed his residence from town a vacancy
is thereby declared to exist in said Board of Trustees. The remaining
members of said Board have notified the Selectmen in writing of said vacancy
who have appointed Saturday May 6th next as the time for filling
said vacancy by an election as is provided for in the By-Laws
governing the Library. Attest Leo L. Wright Clerk of the Board

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This certifies that at a meeting of the Selectmen and Library
Trustees held on Saturday May 6th A. D. 1882. in pursuance
to notice duly given and in conformity to the By Laws
of the town for the government of the Public Library —
Charles S. Kingsley was by ballot chosen
as a member of said Board of Trustees to serve until the
Annual meeting of the town in March next to fill the
vacancy in said Board caused by reason of the removal
from town of Rev Henry S. Kimball who held the office
of Trustee for four years ensuing from the annual meeting of
the town in March last.

Boylston May 6th 1882

F. V. Woods — Selectmen
E. [illegible] Hill — of Boylston

A true copy Attest
Leo L. Wright Clerk

A. W. R. Crosby — Trustees
Leo L. Wright — of the
F. M. Whitcomb — Public Library
F. M. Brigham —

1882.

The ... of the Trustees for the year 1882 ... meeting May 22d

and by adjournment May 24th

Librarian's report was submitted & is as follows, to wit:

Whole number of books on the shelves at the last quarterly meeting and approved at the Librarian's visit before and for the quarter ending May 22d ... 1,111

Library increased by names received ... 16

" " as reported at annual meeting ... 258

Total " " to date ... 274

No. of vols withdrawn ... 6

" " lost ... 70

" " added by purchase ... 65

" " " donation ... 5 vols + 6 pamph

Total number added during the Quarter ... 70+6 "/—

" " in the Library ... 1397 Catalogued

Pamphlets received from the Library Committee to display March

From H. McMillan Esq. & Col Geo E. Warring Jr Prov R.I.

Amount received for sale of Catalogues ... # 30

" " " Fines ... 62

Whole amount received ... # 92

Daily Circulation of Books for the Quarter Ending May 22 = 1882

February 27th	83 volumes		April 15th	83	volumes
March 4th	89	"	" 22d	82	"
" 11th	104	"	" 29th	82	"
" 18th	84	"	May 6th	74	"
" 25th	97	"	" 13th	72	"
April 1st	88	"	" 20th	79	"
" 8th	94	"			

Voted to accept the above report of the Librarian and receipts were passed for money in his hands.

Order for donation

Voted that the thanks of the Board be returned to Miss Mary F. Bush for the donation of five volumes made by her viz

2 volumes Harpers Monthly Magazine (Bound) 1 vol Life of Charles Sumner by Rev Edward Beers. 1 vol My Winter in Cuba by W.H.C. Jay and 1 vol Adventures in the Wilderness by W.H.H. Murray

The following bills were approved for payment and the Treasurer was ordered to draw on the Selectmen for their order on the same. viz

Sam Jordan's	Bill	for 300 Library Cards	3.00
Bill	"	" Envelopes 5 vols @ .25	1.25
		" 1 " .35	.35
			# 4.60
"	"	" for 1 copy Watts Reminiscences Worcester	2.50
"	"	" " Boston Courier	1.00
			# 8.10
"	"	" 1 Ream Covering paper	6.60

Proceedings for the year 1882. Quantity, Price, Amount

To Pay for the following Books ordered by the Trustees

Book as per bill —

Bill	1	Set Heroes of History 5 vols			1.00
"		Camp in the Wilds			1 67
"		Revised New Testament			50
"		Area and Its Zone	150	4/10	60
"		Young Folk's Book American Explorers	150	1/3	100
"		Sunlight & Shadow	350	1/3	234
"		All aboard for Sunrise Lands	1.75	4/10	1 10
2	vols	Gig Zag - Journeys	1.50	1/3	2 00
1		Without & Within	150	1/3	50
"		Heroes of Holland	100	1/3	67
"		Pillars of Society	175	1/3	117
"		Fair Barbarian	100	"	67
"		In the Brush	151	"	1 00
"		15 Decisive Battles of the World	350	1/2	35
"		Young Folks Hist of Russia	150	4/10	60
"		Boys & Girls Folks	150		1 00
"		Set Illustrated Wonders	300	4/10	1 20
"		Boy Land Without & Within	300	1/3	1 34
"		Father Taylor	150	1/3	1 00
"		Farm Ballads	200	"	1 34
"		Country Byeways	120	"	84
"		Life James A Garfield	150	2/3	50
"		Appleton's Home Books	60	1/3	100
"		Great Movements	150		100
"		Pioneer Life in the West	100	"	67
"		Over Head	"	4/10	60
"		Under Foot	125	"	75
"		Round about Rambles	150	1/3	100
"		Tales out of School	"	"	100
"		Pilgrim's Progress	100	4/10	60
"		Prince & Pauper	300	1/3	200
"		Sceptres & Crowns	125	"	84
"		Little Lame Boy	"	"	84
"		Willow Brook	125	"	84
"		Doors Outward	"	"	84
"		Every Day Life in Holland	150	"	1.00
"	6	vols Holland	125	"	5.00

Carried forward $49.54

Quarterly Meeting of May 22. 1882 Continued

Books Bill — To Jenny Dr. Wolfe, Fiske & Co's Bill (continued)

	Amount Brought forward		$48 57
1	Way to Fortune	1.00 1/3	67
	[illegible]	" "	67
"	A Home in the Holy Land	1.50 "	1 00
"	Memories of Old Friends	" "	1 00
"	Sword of Damocles	" 4/10	90
	European Breezes	" 1/3	1 00
"	Notable Thoughts about Women	" "	1 00
"	Alcestis	" "	1 00
"	Gospel in the Stars	" "	1 00
"	Lottie of the Mill	" "	1 00
"	John Quincy Adams	1.25 "	84
"	Alexander Hamilton	" "	84
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

To Amount — $60.16

Exchange of Books — To Exchange two volumes in above list viz Sunlight & Shadow, & Alaska for other works.

To pay Geo S Wright for services & expenses

Geo S Wright's Bill — To Boston & Worcester in Purchasing Books [illegible] Recording Books &c — 6.00

Freight Bill — To pay Maryland Central R.R. Co for freight on Books — .25

Attest Geo S Wright — Clerk

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Society held this day the following business was transacted viz:— 1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Minutes

2d The Librarians report for the Quarter ending May 21st instant was submitted and accepted as follows, to wit:

Librarian's Report

Librarian's Statement

Number of Books let out for the Quarter ending May 21st last — 1,111

Number of Books let out for the quarter ending August 21st next — 898

Books for the Year to date

Number of Books in the Library May 22d 1397

Added since that date as follows —

Quarterly Meeting adjourned to [illegible]

Librarians Report

Added by donation — 2 Vols = 1 Pamphlet
" " Exchange — 2 "
" " Binding — 5 "

Number of volumes Catalogued and in the Library to date — 1402, incl. Pamphlets bound

Five volumes of Harper's Monthly Magazine which were donated to the Social Library and placed in the Library when last reported on have been returned and the catalogues [illegible] been reserved for these volumes in order that the Books in that Library might all be numbered together.

No of Borrowers Registered for the quarter Ending August 21st — 11
Number previously reported — 274
Total number to date — 285
Number of volumes re-covered — 130

Donations have been received from the following persons viz

Hon W. W. Rice. M.C. — U.S. Consular Reports — 1 Vol
D Wolfe, Esqr of Boston — "Gold Elsie" a Novel — " "
O. T. Esqr. [illegible]
Rev and Other Bros. belonging to the Universalist Society in Boylston Oct 1876 — " pamphlets
Mrs L. M. Bowman one years numbers of Harpers Home Magazine

Daily Circulation of Books

May 27th	58 vols	July 1st	59 vols	August 5th	50 vols
June 3d	71 vols	" 8th	64 "	" 12th	64 "
" 10th	59 "	" 15th	64 "	" 19th	45 "
" 17th	62 "	" 21st	50 "		
" 24th	80 "	" 29th	69 "		

Boylston August 21st 1882 — George L. Wright Librarian

Statement of Fines

The following statement of fines received and Catalogues sold was submitted by the Librarian and accepted

Statement of Fines &c for Quarter ending Aug 21st 1882

Dr — To Amount received for fines on books		$ 2.52
One on fine R. N. Warren	$0.28	
" " " L. R. Bee & F. C. Bee 14 each	.28	.56
Amount Carried forward		$ 3 08

Quarterly Report of Trustees August 1882 continued

Statement of Fines &c

To Amount brought forward	$3.08	
" Catalogues Sold	60	
" No Amount		$3.68
" Cash in Librarians hands	$3.12	
" Balance due & uncollected	56	
No Amount.		$3.68

Geo L. Wright Librarian

Receipt to Librarian

Receipts were passed to the Librarian for the money in Librarians hands as per the above statement, in substance as follows. — Boylston Aug 21st 1882 Received of Geo L. Wright Librarian of the Public Library the sum of three dollars and twelve cents in full of all sums in said Librarians arising from the sale of Catalogues & fines for the Quarter Ending August 21st 1882 (Signed) A.D. & Bronson

$3.12

T. M. Bingham } Trustees
F. M. Whitcomb } of said
L. L. Longley } Library

Sanford & Co Bill

The Bill accruing bill against the Library was approved

Binding

Sanford & Co for Binding Magazines as per bill $5.00

and the Treasurer of the Board was ordered to draw on the Selectmen for their order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Voted that the magazines re-bound be numbered in accordance with the recommendations of the Librarian in his report recorded on the preceding page of this book.

Exchange of Books

The following report was submitted concerning the Exchange of Books ordered at the last meeting of the Board

Report accepted. [illegible] Books ordered Aug 22 1882

To Sanborn Carter & Bazin for John L. Stoddard	$3.50 less dis	$2.34
" " Ginn & Heath " Seldon Jackson	1.50 "	1.00
	$5.00 less dis	$3.34

By Books Taken in Exchange

1 Young Folks Cyclopaedia Persons & Places		
John D. Champlin Jr	$3.50 less dis	2.34
" " Geo H. W. Longfellow. by J H Underwood	1.50 "	1.00
	$5.00 less dis	$3.34

Voted That the Acknowledgements of the Board be recorded to the several persons mentioned in the Librarians report for the donations made by them to the Library

Journal of Trustees' Meetings

Voted to place additional shelving for books in the Library and to leave the matter in the hands of the Librarian

The matter of selecting books for the replenishment of the Library was taken up and a list of books as recorded on the Bill & Sales Books of Trustees was presented.

Voted that the list of books be left with the Chairman and Clerk of the Board for revision and that the books on the list when so revised be purchased by the Librarian he using his best judgement in procuring the best terms and discount.

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned subject to the Chairman's call Attest Geo L. Wright Clerk.

Boylston Nov 2nd 1882.

We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library hereby approve of the following bills

1	Farm Legends.		$1.	33	Amount brought up $	
"	Scots Poems.			.50	Young Folks Germany	90
"	Around the Hub.		1	00	" Through Siberia	2 00
"	Boys of '76		2.	00	" Every Boys Books	2 00
5	vols Bradley Bks	90	4	50	" Famous Boys	50
1	Short History of Art		1	20	Vol Campaigns Rebellion	3 35
"	Nineteenth Century			85	St Nicholas 1881	3 00
"	Land & Book		5.	00	" Life Mary Wilson	15
"	Journey in Brazil		3	34	" Peter & Polly	50
"	Innocents Abroad		2	20	" Bancrofts Constitution U.S. 2004	3 34
"	Personal Rec Mary Somerville		1	50	Amount	$52. 37
"	Harvey's Wild Flowers		2	00	Salary for [illegible]	.75
"	Birds Nests			11	" " Expenses [illegible]	
"	Story of My Life		1	10	Purchasing Books to	3.00
"	Land Midnight Sun		5	00	(Signed)	
"	Adam Bede			75		A.D. St. Prouty.
"	Cotta Family			60		Geo L. Wright
"	Saxholm's Stories 2d Series		1	00		C. J. Longley.
"	Occupations Retired Life			60		P.M. Brigham
"	Princess of Thule			84		
	Amt carried up.		$			

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting. November 20th 1882

Boylston Nov 20th | The meeting appointed for this date was by agreement among the Trustees postponed until Nov 21st instant.

" 21st The Trustees met as per agreement.

The records were read & approved

Librarian's Report. The Librarian submitted his report for the Quarter as follows

No of Books last out 818	No of volumes Re-covered
No in Library Aug 21st 1402	Donations have been received from
Added since that date 42	Dea Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester
" by purchase 42	as follows.
" " Donation 0	Framed Wall Paper from Hancock-Clark
" " Binding 0	House in Lexington as per description
Total No in Library Nov 1444	recorded on next page. Bond of
No Borrowers Registered Aug 21st 285	Hungarian Fund. Framed & Full Set of
" " Since that date 5	City Documents of Worcester Ms.
" on the Books 290	

Circulation of Books. for the Quarter

August 26th = 62 vols	September 30th = 71 vols	November 4th = 66 vols
September 2d 52 "	October 7th 70 "	" 11th 57 "
" 9th 44 "	" 14th 60 "	" 18th 66 "
" 16th 60 "	" 21st 68 "	
" 23d 61 "	" 28th 60 "	

Statement of Fines + Catalogues for Quarter End Nov 20th

Dr. To Amt of fines Assessed as per Book	$2,62
" Catalogues Sold	,45
" Total Amount	$3,07

Cr.

By Amt rec'd for Catalogues.	$0,45
" " " " Fines.	1,36
" Total Amount rec'd	$1,81
" Amt in Librarians hands uncollected as per Book	1,26
	$3,07

Librarian's Receipt. Receipts were passed to the Librarian for the amount in his hands as follows. Received of Geo L. Wright Librarian the sum of One dollar and Eighty-one cents on ace of Fines rec'd & Catalogues Sold for quarter Ending Nov 20 1882

Fines $1.36 / Catalogues .45 = $1.81

Boylston Nov 21 1882

A. V. R. Prouty, P. M. Brigham, F. M. White comt } Trustees of Public Library

Voted to accept the report of Librarian. as presented

Donations Voted that the acknowledgements of the Board be returned to Dea Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester for the donations made by him

Minutes of Nov 30th 1882 Continued Bills Approved for Payment

Sanford's Bills &c

To pay Sanford & Co Worcester. for Binding
2 vols Arthur's Home Magazine $ 2.00
" " Clinton Printing Co for 300 Sup Catalogues 4.50
" " J.M. Whittemore & Co " 1 Blank Book 1.25 $7.75

Order And the Clerk was ordered to draw an Order for the payment of the amount as above.

No report was found necessary in regard to additional Shelving ordered as last meeting (Nov 11th) (No Order)

Boylston Nov 23rd 1882. The Trustees received the following Communication from Honorable Phineas Ball of Worcester. Ex-Mayor of the City. Donator of the Town of Boylston)

Worcester Dec 21st 1882.

Mr Wright-

Dear Sir

I have purchased a Set of Dickens. at Sanford & Co's for your Town Library Will you please be so Kind as to direct Mr Andrews to Call for them and accept the fifteen volumes. as a donation to the Boylston Public Library and Oblige

Yours Very Truly
Phineas Ball

A true Copy Attest

(Per) L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

(See Original on file in Book 1. Page 45.)

The Library also received one volume The Young Folks Cyclopaedia Common Things from Hon Mr Ball in addition to those stated in the letter as above - And due acknowledgement was made as appears on page 95 of these records

Attest L Wright Clerk

Proceedings of the Trustees February 28th 1883.

The Trustees met pursuant to the By Laws of the town adopted for the Government of the Public Library A.D. R. Brady Chairman presiding

The records were read

Quarterly Report

The Librarian submitted the following Statement for the Quarter Ending February 20th 1883.

Librarians

No of Books lent out	
" " Vols in Library Nov 20th/82	4447
" added since that date	28
" " by purchase	1
" " Donation	27
" " Binding	
Total No now in Library	4475
No Borrowers on books Nov 20th	290
" " added since that date	10
" " on the Books	300
" of Books re-covered	

Donations have been received from the following persons

E.H. Donnely New York	
Hon Phinehas Ball	15
	1
P.M. Brigham	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10

Circulation of Books

Circulation for the week

December 2d	62	January 6th	62
" 9th	80	" 13th	71
" 16th	69	" 20th	67
" 23d	72	" 27th	79
1883 December 30th	62	February 3d	54
	72		740

The Library was not open for circulation on Saturday Feb 10th and Feb 17th 1883.

Statement of Fines & Catalogues

Fines & Catalogues

Amount of fines assessed as book	
" " " Catalogues sold	
" Total Amount	
Cr.	
By Amt received for Catalogues	
" " " Fines	
" Total Amount received	
" Amt in Librarian's hands uncollected as per book	

Receipts were passed to the Librarian for the Amounts in his hands as follows, to wit

Received of George A. Wright Librarian the sum of

On Acct of fines & Catalogues for the Quarter Ending Feb 20. 1883

Trustees

Boylston Feb. 1883.

Proceedings of the Trustees Library Committee Continued

Donations The acknowledgements of the Trustees were voted to Hon Phinehas Ball for the donations made by him as recorded on page 23 of this book.
Also to Benniman M. Brigham a member of the Board for the donations made by him viz one Volume entitled The Battle fields of the Rebellion.
And the acknowledgement for these and all other donations made during the year was ordered to be made in the annual report to be presented to the Town
The Trustees proceeded to make a full and complete Examination of the Library as it required by the By Laws of the Town governing the Library and found the same in as good condition as could be expected and mention of the same was ordered to be made in the annual report to be presented to the Town

Books purchased for the use of the Town officers. And the following bill for the same was duly approved.

By request of the Board of Selectmen one copy of Merricks Town and Parish Officers has been purchased to be kept

Boyay Parsons & Co Proprietors.
for 1 Copy Merricks Town and Parish Officers
Less discount 20 per cent.

And the Treasurer was ordered to draw on the Selectmen for such Order as the Board Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Value of Library The Trustees made the annual appraisal of the Books and the Library and certified the value to the Selectmen as per certificate recorded on page 96 of this Book.

The Clerk as Treasurer of the Board presented his report of the Receipts & Expenses of the Library and the accounts were thoroughly Examined and found correct. And
Ordered that the report of monies received and Expended be inserted as a part of the report to be presented to the Town
The Librarian then submitted a statement concerning the Condition and Circulation of the Library for the Library year Ending February 20th inst

Trustees Meeting February 20th 1883 Continued

Ordered that the several reports as presented by the Clerk and as appended to this record be accepted and adopted as the annual report of the Board to be presented to the Town at their annual meeting in March next

Voted that when the Board adjourned it be subject to the call of the Chairman if any necessary business shall arise otherwise to stand adjourned sine die

Geo L. Wright. By order of the Board

I hereby Certify the foregoing to be Correct - Attest
Geo L Wright Clerk.

Feb 20th/83 We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library Hereby Certify that - We have this day appraised the Books etc in said Library and fixed the amount of the same at the following to its fair Cash Value as follows.

Books in the Library according to the Appraisal made February 20. 1882.
Making Estimate by appraisal of Books ordered during year.
And allowing for wear & use of Books.
We fix the total value of the Library to be $ 1800.00
Eighteen hundred dollars.
According to the best of our judgement
Boylston Feb 20. 1883.

A.V.R Prouty
Geo L. Wright
P.M. Brigham
Trustees.

Attest Geo L Wright Clerk
of the Board

WELLESLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of the Librarian for the year ending Feb 20th

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library hereby respectfully submit to their fellow citizens the following report for the Library year ending February 20th 1883. In this we are not repeating that the general degree of prosperity which was manifested in the affairs of the Library upon its organization and during the first and second years of its existence has continued during the past year. The interest remains unabated. The circulation of books has been very good and the standard of the books taken is higher. While many books which (by the provision of the rules cannot be taken from the Library room have been frequently consulted there during Library hours and as a whole the citizens of this town seem to be fully alive to the value and importance of the institution upon the general, moral, and educational standard of the community. The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library for the year ending February 20th 1883.

Accessions

Number of volumes in Library as reported February 20th 1882.	1.321
Increase during the past year	
By Purchase	111
Gifts	47
Received of the Commonwealth under Chap 26. Acts 1882	10
Total number of vols in Library Feb 20. 1883	1,489
No of pamphlets in Library Feb 20. 1882	220
" " " " 1883	230
No books have been lost during the past year	

Circulation

Number of days the Library has been open	310
" " volumes delivered	3,451
Largest number " " in any one day	
March 11. 1882	104
Smallest " " September 2. 1882	44
Average each day	69

Northborough February 20th A.D. 1883 (cont)

Number of volumes re-bound	8
" " repaired	5
" Catalogues sold	11
" Persons fined for detention of books	41
Names of Borrowers registered as reported February 20. 1882	258
Names registered during the year	42
Whole number of names registered	300

Monthly Circulation of Books

1882 February 25. 83	June 272	October	258
March 374	July 306	November	251
April 427	August 221	December	355
May 283	September 296	1883 January	269
		February 3d	54
			3451

During the year donations have been made as follows

Free Public Library	Northborough	1	pamphlet
Henry M Smith	Worcester	4	"
Col D. E Wooring	Newport R.I.	1	"
E.H. Donnelly	New York	1	"
Hon W.W. Rice M.C.	Worcester	1	volume
Hon Rhinelas Ball	"	15	"
Unknown friend	"	1	"
Miss Mary T. Bush		5	"
Penniman M. Brigham		1	"
Mrs [illegible]		2	"
Frank P. Bates		1	"
D. Wolff Taske & Co	Boston	1	"
Sanford M. Rendall	Worcester	36	unbound
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		10	volumes

Sample Copies of Monthlies Reviews Magazines &c have frequently been received from the publishers and others and to all of the several donors we would return the acknowledgements of the Town Special acknowledgment is due to Hon Rhinelas Ball ex-mayor of Worcester a native of the town for a renewed recognition of this interest in the Library by the donation of a complete set of the works of Charles Dickens comprising fifteen volumes making in all forty volumes presented by him since the establishment of the Library Acknowledgment

is also due to Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester a native of this town for the gift of a complete set of the City Documents of the City of Worcester from its incorporation to the present year comprising thirty-six volumes unbound also for a framed piece of wall paper taken from the Nancrede-Clark house in Lexington and from the room in the house occupied by John Hancock and Samuel Adams on the night prior to the Battle of Lexington, also for a Bond of the Hungarian Fund established in 1852 bearing the autograph of Louis Kossouth Thanks are due to Frank P. Bates, the Warden of the Town Farm for a copy of a sermon found at that institution preached in 1816 by Rev Ward Cotton A.M. Pastor of the Church in Weybridge from 1776 to 1825 and containing a list of the deaths in Boylston from the incorporation of the Town in 1786 to 1816 - Among the valuable books presented by the State during the past year is a copy of the recently revised & revised Statutes of the Commonwealth! — The Photographic Album presented by the provisions of the late Oliver S. Kendall has been an object of interest during the past year and the photographs of some seventy of the natives and older residents of the town have already been obtained and inserted in the Album while very many more (a number nearly sufficient to fill the book) have been promised. The timely bequest of the late Mr Kendall and the historical value of his donation is becoming more and more apparent. The Trustees would urge the important of continuing the work and would suggest the desirability of procuring other books when the present one shall have been filled. During the past month the Board made a full Examination of the Library and found it in as good condition as could be expected. Still we would urge the necessity of a careful usage of the books.

When the Library was established no permanent quarters were made for it and it was supposed that the present room would be amply sufficient for

Library Report February 21th AD 1883. (Cont'd)

Some time to come the Library has already outgrown its quarters and some more adequate provision must be made for the safe keeping of the books and to more systematic method of the work of the Librarian & in a distant state.

In the selection of books for the Library the Board have consulted with the citizens of other towns have manifested as much as possible to purchase the most Standard & valuable of the reading to procure such books as are of more permanent value - and to cull out and reject such as are of trivial account and which please the taste and fascinate the mind only for the passing moment. The improvement in the standard of the reading is well worthy of note the Trustees and Librarian would respectfully suggest that the usefulness of the Library might be increased by some arrangement with the School Committee by which the teachers and Scholars in the several schools might make a better use of the books as supplementary to and in connection with their studies. We simply recommend this as a plan which has been tried and approved as a success in other places.

At the first meeting of the Board in March last Rev Henry B. Kimball who had held the position of Chairman of the Board from the establishment of the Library declined a re-election and shortly after removed his residence from town but not however until he had rendered important services in the selection of the books for the Library. Upon his removal the remaining members of the Board notified the Selectmen in writing of the vacancy and requested them as the time for filling the vacancy by an Election as is provided for in the By-Laws adopted by the town for the government of the Library. and Charles D. Longley a former member of the Board was appointed by the Board as a member of the Board to fill the vacancy until the present time

At the meeting of the Board we held hours were

Library Natal Insurance [illegible]

take this opportunity to render a slight testimonial of Esteem towards their former Chairman, and of testifying to his valuable aid and counsel as a member, and to the uniform harmony that marked all their relations together. In conclusion we would ask a new the co-operation of the citizens of the town in sustaining the usefulness and Efficiency of the Library.

Subjoined will be found the financial report of the Trustees.

All of which is respectfully submitted

A. W. K. Prouty
George L. Wright
F. M. Whitcomb
J. M. Brigham
Charles L. Longley
} Trustees of the Public Library

Geo L Wright - Librarian
Boylston February 20th 1883

Attest record Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Trustees Account

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending February 20th 1883.

1882 Dr

To Cash drawn from the treasury on the Selectmen's order. $216.40

Received of Librarian for fines and Catalogues 7.04

1883 Feb 20 To Total amount received $223.44

Per Contra Cr

1882 By Cash paid Geo L Wright for services as Librarian from March 1st 1881 to March 1st 1882 $50.00

Carried forward $50.00

BOYLSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

1882	Amount brought forward		$50.00
	for extra services in covering and repairing books preparing Catalogues writing By-Laws for [illegible] Station ary &c		15.00
"	" Sanford & Co printing Library Cards		3.00
"	" " " " books as per bill		5.90
"	" " " " binding & repairing books		8.60
"	" " " " Cream paper		6.60
"	" [illegible] Boston for Books as per account		112.55
"	" Geo L Wright freight on Books		1.00
"	" " Expenses in purchasing books money paid out + Expressage		8.00
"	" [illegible]		1.25
"	" [illegible] Co for supplements Catalogues		4.50
1883			
Feb 20	By Cash amount paid on orders		$216.40
	" paid Town Treasurer money received at Librarian for fines & Catalogues		7.04
Feb 20	By Cash paid out		$223.44

(Errors Excepted)

A.D.R. Prouty
George L Wright
F.M. Whitcomb
P.M. Brigham
Charles F. Longley

} Trustees of the Public Library

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Boylston certify that we have examined the foregoing account and compared it with our own accounts and find the amounts of Orders therein stated to be correct

H.D. Woods
L.L. Flagg
C.F. Merrill

} Selectmen of Boylston

Boylston Feb 20. 1883.

Organization & Minutes of Trustees.

for the year 1883 and ending February 20th 1884.

Board of Trustees

Fannie M. Whitcomb for five years term expires March 1888
Pennimam M. Bingham " four " " " " 1887
Mary F. Kendall " three " " " " 1886
Alexander V. R Prouty " two " " " " 1885
George L. Wright — " one " " " " 1884

Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb whose term of office as a member of said Board expired March 5th instant, and at the annual meeting of the Town held on said March 5th Miss F.M. Whitcomb was re-elected to serve as a member of said Board of Trustees for the term of five years now ensuing.

Mrs Mary F. Kendall was chosen by the Town March 5th instant in conformity to the By-Laws adopted by the Town for the government of the Library to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from Town of Rev Henry S. Kimball which vacancy was filled until said 5th day of March by Charles F. Longley, by Special Election for which see page 85 of this book.

Proceedings of Trustees March 13th 1883.

Present A.V.R Prouty - Geo L. Wright - P.M. Brigham. Mrs M.F. Kendall

The Board proceeded to effect an organization for the ensuing year and the ballots were called for and brought in and resulted in the choice of.

A.V.R. Prouty as Chairman

and George L. Wright as Clerk and Treasurer

George L. Wright was chosen Librarian

Voted that the quarterly meetings of the Board for the ensuing year be held as follows, to wit

On Monday May 21st

Proceedings March 13th A.D. 1883 Continued

Quarterly meeting continued
On Monday August 20th
" " November 19th
" " February 20th 1884.

at such hours as the Chairman may designate
Voted that the Librarians salary be the same
as it was last year. ($50.00)
Voted to draw on all arrearages of appropriations
for Books, for both years, and to use the same,
during the year for the purchase of books.
It was ascertained that the sum of
Eighty nine dollars fifty seven cent. $89.57
which is the amount of the Dog fund received
from the County Treasurer is the amount
granted by the Town at its annual meeting
held on March 5th instant for the Library
The following bill was approved for payment
and the Treasurer was ordered to draw on
the Town Treasurer for the same.

To Geo. L. Wright for services as
Librarian for one year from
March 13th 1882 to March 13th 1883 $50.00
To same claim for Extra services in
covering & repairing books Expressage
Postage Stationary Municipal Supplies
and Money paid out 17.00
$67.00

It was suggested by the chairman and agreed upon
that the members of the Board visit other Libraries
and note the manner of working employed and
the books added, and make report at our next
meeting
The following books have been suggested by citizens
to added to the Library viz
Lippincott's Gazetteer of World suggested by J. G. Warner
Lossing's Encyclopaedia U. S. History " " F. B. Willard
and the consideration of the same was
laid over to the next meeting.
Voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman
Attest Geo L Wright Clerk

BOYLSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Quarterly Meetings of Trustees May 21st & Aug 21st 1883

At a meeting of the Trustees held on 21st day May 1883. the following business was transacted

Present. Messrs Brigham & Wright & Mrs Whitcomb. The Librarian & Miss Kendall. In matter of selecting books. to sub. committee. Mr Brigham & Mrs Whitcomb & Mrs Kendall - to report at adjournment. Then adjourned to call of Chair

Aug 20 Chairman Call

The records of the last meeting were read & the Librarian submitted the following Statement for the quarter Ending May 21st 83.

No of Books let out	751
" vols in library according last Statement	1489
" " added during quarter	11
Total " " in library at present time	1500
No of Persons using library at last Statement	300
" " registered during quarter	16
Total " "	316

Donations have been received as follows. ——

From Northborough Free Library (1 pamph) Report of Northboro Free Library for year ending March 31 — New England Tract & Missionary Society of Norwich & Norwich South Farmers (10 Vols) viz — History of Catholic J. N. Andrews — Religious Amendment of Constitution — Thoughts on Revelation Uriah Smith — Life of William Miller — Life & Views of — Thoughts on Daniel — Uriah Smith — Life of Prophecy Bible Mrs E. A. White — Life & Views of James White — Life and Labors of — Thoughts on Daniel — Uriah Smith — and 1 pamph Framingham Public Library — Annual Report of Trustees (1 pamph) Address & Proceedings at Dedication of New Grafton Public Library —

Circulation of Books

February 25th = 40 vols	March 24th = 52 vols	April 21st = 51 vols
March 3d = 64 "	" 31st = 62 "	" 28th = 69 "
" 10th = 45 "	April 7th = 58 "	May 5th = 54 "
" 17th = 67 "	" 14th = 66 "	" 12th = 58 "

Statement of the Librarian was then accepted

The Librarian also submitted the following Statement for the quarter Ending Aug 21st viz—

Statement—

No of Books let out—	616
" Vols as per last statement	
" " added for quarter	

Total No in Library

No of persons using " May 21 316

" " registered during quarter

" " " " Aug 21

— 1883 —

Lancaster Mass. Aug 21st 1883 Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees & Librarian

The following donations have been received during the quarter

Catalogues Lancaster Town Library	Lancaster Mass	2 Vols
" 1883 & Report " "	"	1 pp^mt
Chief Signal Officers Report 1879-80-81		3 vols
Commonwealth of Massachusetts = Census 1880		1 "
" " " Manual of Gen Court 1883		1 "

The usual acknowledgements of the Board were passed for the above mentioned donations

Voted to purchase the History of the 21st Regt Mass Vols also the History of the 34th Regt Mass Vols which Regiments contained members from this town also to procure Regimental Histories. Especially the Histories of those Regiments which contained members from this town as fast as the same may be published

Voted to procure the History of the Town of Sutton = Mass. by Revs W. A. Benedict & H. A. Tracy

Voted to purchase the following list of Books

List of Books Ordered

Americans Men of Letters 3 vols	
1 Vol Washington Irving Ch. D. Warner	$1,25
" " Noah Webster H.E. Scudder	1,25
" " Henry D. Thoreau F.B. Sanborn	1,25
" " [illegible] C.E. Hutchinson	1,25
" " Jas Fenimore Cooper T.R. Lounsbury	1,25
Concord Guide Book Barrett	1 00
" From Yonkapoy to Penikese T.B. Aldrich	1,25
" [illegible]	1,50
Early Days of Christianity Farrar	75
Old England Its Art & Scenery Hoppin	1 75
Sea Coast & Inundations Gilder	4 00
" Figures of the Past Quincy	1,50
" Old Ocean Ernest Ingersoll	1 00
" Saints & Shrines Geo F. Williams	2 00
" My Journey through Europe with Grant	
" Old Times in the Colonies C.C. Coffin	2 00
" The Boys of Liberty "	3 00
" " Boys of '61 "	3 00
" Voyages & Cruises N.E. Coast — S.A. Drake	3,50
" History of Sutton Mass Benedict & Tracy	3 00

Carried forward

List of Books, Continued August 1st 1883.

/	Brought forward	
"	Nicky [illegible]	1 50
"	" 4 " [illegible]	1 50
"	[illegible]	
"	[illegible]	
"	Moss Sides Marian Harland	1 00
"	The Empty Heart "	1 00
"	Jonquette Round Robin Series	1 00
"	Blossom Bud (Mrs Julia P Smith)	1 50
"	Widow Gold (metties Daughter	1 50
"	Home at Greylock	1 50
"	Flower of Family	1 50
"	Fred Maria and Me	1 00
"	Sip Lewis (Pansey)	1 00
"	The Randolphs "	1 00
"	Household Puzzles "	1 00
"	Wise & Otherwise "	1 00
"	The Kings Daughter "	1 00
"	Esther Reid	1 00
"	Julia Reid	1 00
"	What the Said & People who Haven't Time	1 00
"	The Hall in the Grove	1 00
"	Three People	1 00
"	Norwood H. W Beecher	1.50
"	Cameron Pride Mrs M. J. Holmes	1 00
"	Tempest to Sunshine "	1 00
"	Chapeau D' Or "	1 00
"	Light to Darkness "	1 00
"	West Lawn "	1.00
"	But yet a Woman [illegible] Rose Harely	1.25
"	Doctor Lay Phelps	1.25
"	An unexpected Result Rose	.75
"	Aunt Serena Howard	.83
"	That Lass O' Lowrie's F. H. Burnett	1 00
"	Runnebassett Girls (Sophie May)	95
"	Will Denbigh a Nobleman D W Craik	67
"	[illegible]	52
"	Nellie Silver Mine Jackson	1 00
"	The Great Match Trowbridge	67
	The Lobster [illegible]	67

Carried forward

List of Books & Proceedings August 20th 1883. (Continued)

/	Amount Brought-forwarded	
-	Child Marian. Abroad Round	.80
"	From Earth to Moon Jules Verne	×
-	Life Fredk Douglass	
"	Our Wild Indians Dodge	
"	Hecaira Miss Rhebe McKeen	.150
	Thornton Hall " "	
	Life of Mary Queen of Scots Holt	1.00
"	" Empress Josephine "	1.00
"	Adventures of a Gazelle	1.25 0
2	St Nicholas Vols 1 & 2 1882 Bound	3 . 0
		3 . 0

Voted to subscribe for Harper's Magazine

Voted that the Librarian ascertain the club rates for above Magazines

Voted that the Librarian use his best-judgement in purchasing the best-& [illegible] securing the lowest rates.

Approved Orders as follows

To pay Sanborn for Binding $8.90

Invoice of New Books. August 31st 1883.

We the Directors of the Public Library of Newburyport request the payment of the following bills.

To pay D. D. Wolfe, Bridge & Co for books as follows.

1	Vol I Washington Irving	$0.88
"	" II Noah Webster	.83
"	" III Henry Thoreau	.81
"	" IV Geo J Riddell	.83
"	" V James Fenimore Cooper	.83
"	Mr Isaacs	67
"	Looking towards Sunset	159
"	Miss Dix	95
"	The Empty Heart	95
"	Blanche Lee	67
"	Blossom - Bud	95
"	From Ponkapog to Pesth	83
"	Home at Greylock	100
"	Homes of the Family	100
"	Wood working Tools	50
"	Trip Lewis (Pansey)	95
"	The Randolphs	95
"	Imogene Fay	95
"	Vick's Mistress	95
"	The King's Daughter	95
"	Esther Reid	95
"	Julia Reid	95
"	What she said	80
"	The Hall in the Grove	95
"	Three People	95
"	Norwood	101
"	Cameron Pride	95
"	Tempest & Sunshine	95
"	Chapeau D'Or	95
"	Light to Darkness	95
"	West Lawn	95
"	Life Fred Douglass	167
"	Our Wild Indians	251
"	Rocks & Corners N. E. Coast	234
	To Amount Carried forward	$34.77

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Invoice of Mrs Cook's Continued

	To amount brought forward	$34.97
1	An Honorable surrender	.67
"	Old Times in the Colonies	2.00
"	Story of Liberty	2.00
"	The Pell of [illegible]	1.67
"	Young Folks Own Rhymes	1.00
"	" " Poems Festivals	1.34
2	Bound vols St Nicholas 1876	3.00
1	Empress Josephine	.67
"	Mary Queen of Scots	.67
"	Shelodora	1.00
3	The Navy in the Civil War	
	vol 1 Blockades & Cruisers	.67
	" 2 Operations on Atlantic Coast	.67
	" 3 Gulf & Inland Waters	.67
	The Army in the Civil War;	
	vol 4 Army of Cumberland	.67
	" 6 Chancellorsville & Gettysburg	.67
	" 8 The Mississippi	.67
	" 9 Atlanta	.67
	" 10 March to the Sea	.67
	" 11 Shenandoah Valley	.67
	" 12 Grants Campaign in Virginia	.67
	" 13 Statistical Record	.67
1	Concord Guide Book	.67
"	2 Years Before the Mast	1.00
"	Buttes a Woman	.80
"	Lives of Noble Girls	1.00
"	Dr Gray	.80
"	An unexpected Result	.48
"	Word Only a Word	.60
"	Como Sun	.50
"	The Sisters	.50
"	Nanda 2 Vols	1.00
"	Early Days of Christianity	.50
"	Old England	1.12
"	Hand on Bells	.83
"	Ice Pack & Tundra	2.67
"	Room for one More	.80
	Amount carried forward	

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Invoice of New Books Continued

	Amount Brought forward	
1	Conversation	33
"	Figures of Past	100
"	Unknown to History	90
"	Books & Reading	133
"	Alfred Tennyson's Poems Household Ed	100
3	Spare Hours	300
1	Old Ocean	67
"	Aunt Serena	83
"	Lass O'Lowries	100
"	Quinnebassett Girls	95
"	Will & ~~Ambish~~	61
"	Hutchels Rosemary Lane	52
"	Nellys Silver Mine	170
"	The Great Match	67
"	The Cols Opera Cloak	67
"	Child Marian Abroad	80
"	Bullet and Shell	184
	Total Amount	$86.81
		50
		87.31

(Signed) A. L. K. Prouty, Geo L. Wright, [illegible] Brigham, F. M. Whitcomb } Trustees

Boylston May November 1883.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Trustees held this day the Librarian submitted his quarterly report which was read and is as follows.

Librarian's Statement

No of volumes last report

" " " in the Library according to last Statement

No of volumes added during quarter

By purchase By donation

Total number of volumes in Library

Number of persons using Library last quarter added during quarter Total

Voted to accept the above report

The Librarian submitted a report of the new books ordered to be purchased at the last meeting stating that he had [illegible] received

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a list of books of Messrs Dr Wolfe Fiske & Co Boston
to received on pages 10-11 of this book and
that he had also purchased "Lippincott's
Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World" at a cost
of $ [illegible] (#[illegible]) & the report was accepted
Voted to subscribe for Harpers Monthly
Magazine, the Century, and the St
Nicholas Magazines at the regular club
prices viz "For Harpers Magazine #3,45
" Century " 3,75
" St Nicholas " 2.75
Voted to acknowledge the following donations
viz)
The History of the County of Worcester Mass
[illegible] Boston
[illegible]
Voted That the Librarian be authorized to purchase suitable stamps and that he be required to mark all books with the name of the Library before issuing them for circulation,
That the Clerk of the Board be authorized to purchase a copy of "Worcester's Comprehensive Gazetteer" for the Library as the Board have received different terms for the same work from different parties, & that the Clerk correspond with C.A. Nichols & Co Springfield Mass. Agent for the above work stating that if can be purchased for Four dollars and fifty cts ($4.50) it is desired for the Library, and if not can purchase it upon better terms if possible. The following order was unanimously passed. Ordered That for the future the Board have nothing to do with subscriptions for books, & that they do not subscribe for books at 10 per cent. The following bills were approved & ordered paid viz Express charges #5.50 On 24 stamps .75
[illegible] Expressage & postage on Reports #4.40 & Supplement Gazetteer #8.00

List of Books Donated by John B. Wright Esq.

On the twenty fifth of December 1883. the Library received the following list of Books from John B. Wright Esq. a Christmas remembrance to the Forum

List of Books.

Lives of the Queens of England 12 vols bound in six by Agnes Strickland

Life and Speeches of John Bright Barnett Smith 1 vol

Life of Alexander Hamilton, LL.D. by Geo Shuckers " "

History of the Crusades. 3 vols by J. F. Michaud

History of Europe in the Middle Ages. 2 vols by Henry Hallam

Constitutional History of England 2 vols by Henry Hallam

History of Literature of Europe 4 vols in 2 " by Henry Hallam

Works of Charles Lamb 3 vols

At Home in Fiji by C. F. Gordon Cumming

Cruise of the Rob Roy on Canoe Paddles Rivers Jordan Sinai and Palestine by John MacGregor

Stone Westminster

Works of W. Gilmore Simms, as follows

The Partisan & Mellichampe

Katharine Walton & The Scout

Woodcraft & The Forayers.

Eutaw (Sequel)

Guy Rivers & Richard Hurdis

Border Beagles (Charlemont

Beauchampe Confession

Yemassee Continued to

Vasconselos.

Vigvam and Cabin

in all 12 vols.

Works of W. H. G. Kingston as follows.

Peter Mentzoff Ivanoff - Mark Seaworth the Hunter

= Shore & Ocean = Peter Trawl - James Brattle Pirate Small 5

Clever no 1 Tom Tough Tom Bowling Mr. Carey

Snowberries " " making in all 41 vols.

Sundry C. E. Hoover to Trustees of Public Library

In accordance with the vote of the Trustees of the Library passed on the 19th day of November 1883. the Clerk sent a communication to Mr E. E. Hoover Agent for the Sale of Haskell's Compendium of Forms. (Revised) stating the vote passed by the Trustees at the meeting held as above, and received from him a reply of which the following is a true copy.

Mayfield Mass Dec 10th 1883

Mr Wright

Dear Sir = Yours of the 4th is just received & I will say in reply that I can supply a copy of Haskell's Compendium as stated at $4.40.

I will send it by express & can send upon receipt of $4.40 by the express agent. I will send it about Jan 1st Yours truly E. E. Hoover.

Geo F. Wright

Boylston = Mass

Copy of a letter from Miss Ellen Williams of Northboro Mass. to the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library =

Northboro Mass Jan 10th 1884.

To the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library

Gentlemen

I enclose a list of books, any or all of which I would be glad to present to your Public Library if you are willing to bear the Expense of Transportation. I should be very glad to hear from you at as early a date as may be convenient.

Very respectfully yours.

Ellen Williams.

The following is the list

History of Worcester County 2 vols.
Early & Late Papers Thackeray 1 "
From the Earth to the Moon Jules Verne 1 vol
Seven of Passion Flower Mühlbach 1 "

Copy of Letter & List of Books Miss Ellen Williams Northborough
Continued

Up the Rhine, Hill Road	1 Vol
The Story of the Great March-Nichols	" "
Biography of Wm W Seaton	" "
History of Cuba	" "
Pekin, Yedo & San Francisco	" "
Uprising of a Great Republic (Lowell) America before Europe (Gaspain)	" "
Autumn Holidays by a Country Parson	" "
Lectures on the Parables by Dr E.N. Kirk	"
At Phillips = a novel = by the author of Routledge &c	1 Vol
Letters of Junius	2 "

Letter of Trustees of the Library to Miss Williams in reply to above Letter

Boylston Centre Mass Jan 14th 1884.

Miss Ellen Williams. Northborough Mass.

I am instructed to say in reply to your letter of the 10th instant that the Trustees will be pleased to receive any donations that friends may wish to make to the Library and are willing to bear all cost of transportation. Mr A.V.R. Brouly. the Chairman of the Board will be at Northborough in a few days and will call upon you in regard to the matter. Very respectfully

In behalf of the Board of Trustees
George L. Wright
Librarian and Clerk of the Board

A Copy Attest George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Letter of Miss Ellen Williams to Trustees January 23rd 1884

Northboro' Mass Jan 23rd 1884.

To the Trustees of the Brighton Public Library

Dear Sirs - I have packed two boxes of books containing 116 volumes and which convey to you conveniently to take to your

Respectfully Yours

Ellen M. Williams.

List of Books to be sent.

History of Worcester County	2 vols
[illegible]	1 vol
Henry Clay Memorials	"
Memorials of Thomas Hood	2 vols.
Hood's Up the Rhine	1 vol
Letters of Junius	2 vols
History of Cuba	1 vol
Recollections of Shelley and Byron	"
Yacht Voyages	"
Up and Around Stamboul	"
Life and Letters of Frederika Bremer	"
Biography of Wm W. Seaton	"
Sketches from the Porcupine	"
Elements of Theological Science	"
Week Days and Stories by Matthew Arnold	"
A Year [illegible]	Vol
Lives of Wellington and Peel	"
English Soldier in U.S. Army	"
Agricultural Essays	"
Milch Cows & Dairy Farming	"
The Story of the Great North	"
Early and Late Poems	"
Spare Hour Series (2d)	"
St Philips	"
Border and Bastile	"
Daring and Suffering	"
Life of Washington (Juvenile)	"
War Pictures from the South	"
Americus before Europe	"
Uprising of a Great People	"
The Peak Dale Land	"
Overland Through Asia	"

16,000 miles of

List of Books sent January 23rd Continued

10.000 Miles of Travel + Upsun	1 vol
Pekin. Yedado + San Francisco	" "
A Year in China	" "
Autumn Holidays by a Country Parson	" "
Maxims by a Man of the World	" "
The Gentle Life	" "
General Grant + his Campaigns	" "
From the Earth to the Moon	" "
Louisa of Prussia	" "
His Majesty Myself	" "
Florida and the South	" "

Memorandum. The several volumes receipted above were received and delivered by the Librarian of the Board to the Librarians.

Copy of a Letter received at the Dept of Interior U.S. Government to the Trustees of the Library February 15th 1884.

Department of Interior. You are hereby notified that a copy of the Statistics of the Population of the U.S. at the Tenth Census has been mailed to your address at the request of the Hon W.W. Rice. Immediately upon its receipt please date sign + return this Card prepaying postage.

Secretary Division
Dept of the Interior
February 15th 1884

February 16th 1884. Receipt from the Secretary of the Interior of one copy of the Statistics of Population 1880. Is hereby acknowledged. Presidents Public Library

By Josiah Wright

1883-84

Certificate of Appraisal of Library Feb 20th

We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library certify that we have this day appraised the Books &c in the Boylston Public Library & find the ~~price~~ ~~the~~ amount named to be according to its fair cash Value as follows.

Books in the Library according the Catalogue to February 20. 1883. $1800.00

Books added during the year & allowing for the wear & use of books 200.00

We also find the total value of the Library to be according our best judgement $2000.00

A. K. Bowers
Geo L. Wright
P. M. Brigham
F. M. Whitcomb
} Trustees of Pub Library

Proceedings of Trustees February 20th 1884

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held for the settlement of Library affairs on Wednesday February 20th 1884. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved The Librarian reported that 826 books had been issued for circulation during the quarter ending February 20th 1884. The Librarian stated that owing to the demand for money to pay necessary bills of town. and the small amount of funds in the treasury at the present time he had not carried into effect the vote of the Board relating to the purchase of magazines. as recorded on page 112 of this book and the report was accepted as satisfactory Voted to return a vote of thanks to all friends of the Library who have remembered it by donations during the past quarter Voted that the following fines in the Library for the detention of books beyond the establish time without renewal be abated for the reason that the parties have left town.

viz Hemans P. Newton.
Mrs P. M. Newton

Proceedings of Trustees. February 20th Continued

The Board proceeded to appraise the Library and Voted that the certificate recorded on page 117 stand as the appraisal of the books & other property belonging to the Library for the year ending Feb 20. 1884.

The following bills were approved for payment

To pay William H. Vickery for making additional shelving for the Library $2 00

To pay Geo L Wright for Copies of Clinton Times containing Catalogue of new Books $0.60

To pay Expressing & for Registering 7 Letters .97

1.57

The Trustees made a full and complete Examination of the Library as is required and found the same in as good condition as could be Expected = The books and accounts of the Librarian were examined and certified to be correct

Ordered that the several reports as presented by the Clerk and as appended to these records be accepted and adopted as the annual report of the Board to be presented to the town at the annual meeting thereof in March next.

The business of the Board being completed it was voted to adjourn subject to the calls of the Chairman or any business should [illegible]

Attest

Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

1883-84

Feb 20th Unanimously voted a vote passed at a meeting of the Trustees held on Wednesday Feb 20. 1884 We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston hereby desire to return in behalf of the Town our thanks for the valuable donation of 46 volumes which you have seen fit to make to the Library We accept the donation with [illegible] not only for its value as an addition to the Library But also for the source from whence it has come & we shall also remember with a kind sense of appreciation your interest in the Town and Library

Boylston Feb 20. 1884

Chas A. Prouty
Geo L. Wright
F. M. Whitcomb
P. M. Brigham
M. F. Kendall
} Trustees of said Library

Attest Geo L. Wright — Clerk & Librarian

To Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston

Gentlemen I am requested by the Directors of the Worcester County Horticultural Society to express to you their appreciation of your recognition of the generosity of their distinguished townsman and desire hereby to return to the Town their grateful acknowledgments for [illegible] of his regard as a single example only of the many tokens of interest which he has constantly manifested towards his native Town and people

Worcester Feb 20. 1884

By Order of the Board

Geo L. Wright Clerk

Librarian's Report for year ending February 29th 1884

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit to their Fellow citizens the following report for the Library Year ending Feb. 29. 1884. The following statistics will show the condition and progress of the Library.

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library as reported March 1st 1883.	1,419
Increased during the year — By purchase	93
" Gifts	106
" Purchasing pamphlets	31
" received of Commonwealth	14
Total number of volumes in the Library Feb. 29. 1884	1,793

The books have been [illegible]

Circulation

Number of days the Library was open	50
" " Volumes delivered	3,024
Largest number of volumes delivered in any one day January 26. 1884	104
Smallest number of volumes delivered in any one day August 11. 1883	38
Average number of volumes delivered in each day	60
Number of volumes rebound	5
" " " repaired	13
" " Catalogues sold	7
" " persons fined for detention of Books	40
" " Names registered during the year	34
Total " " " "	339

Monthly Circulation of Books.

1883 February 25th	44 vols	November	237 vols
March	315 "	December	351 "
April	266 "	1884	
May	237 "	January	336 "
June	278 "	February 2nd	77 "
July	178 "		
August	189 "		
September	261 "		
October	235 "		
Total number			3,024 vols

Library Report for Year Ending February 20th Continued

During the past year donations have been made as follows

	vols	pamph
Free Public Library Northborough		1
New England Tract Missionary Society	10.	10
[illegible]		
Hopkinton Centre Public Library Quincy		1
Town Library Lancaster	2	1
Chief Engineer Officer U.S.A.	3	
	43	
Miss Lucy Williams Northborough	46	
Samuel S. Rice. Northborough	4	
U.S. Government through Hon W.W. Rice	1	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	14	

Although the circulation of books is somewhat [illegible] last year yet the loss [illegible] of the diminution are fully accounted for by the Board of Trustees and we are confident in making [illegible] remains unabated. The novelty of the institution has worn off and the present circulation may be taken as the permanent basis. We find that the circulation of the Library in proportion to the population of the Town is fully up to that of other places. By an examination of the Librarians books we find also that there has been a steady increase in the number of books taken during the fall and winter months. From the statistics already given it will be seen that the largest number of books taken in any one day during the year ending February 20th 1883. The total number of volumes taken from the Library since its organization [illegible] 12,574. The year which has just closed has been one of singular prosperity to the Library Its welfare has been remembered by many friends both here and elsewhere 136 books and pamphlets have been given to the Library Complete Copies of Monthlies, Reviews, Magazines & newspapers frequently been received from publishers and others and in behalf of the several donors we would return the acknowledgements of the

town. Especially is the Library indebted to our honored townsman John D. Long Esq for his generous Christmas remembrance of forty one (41) volumes as also for the other valuable donations made by him during the year. Acknowledgment is also due to Miss Ellen Williams of Northampton for her interest in the town and Library by a donation of forty six volumes. Acknowledgment is also due to the New England News and Missionary Society of Seventh Day Adventists at South Lancaster for a donation of ten volumes and the constant receipt of other publications. It is a rule of the Board of Trustees not to purchase any works that are largely sectarian or denominational but they would gladly receive all gifts of this kind. Among other valuable works of reference received is a Copy of the Statistics of Population of the U.S. at the tenth census 1880 through the Kindness of Hon W. W. Rice M.C. from this district. Among important works purchased is a Copy of Lippincotts New Pronouncing (Dictionary & Gazetteer of the World. During the past month the Board made a full examination of the Library and found the books with a single Exception in as good condition as could be expected. During the past year however a single case of maliciously injuring books by removing plates was reported by the Librarian to the Board of Trustees & although no definite action has been taken in regard to the matter there is no great doubt in the minds of the Trustees in regard to the identity of the perpetrator of the offence. For the benefit of this one & others maliciously inclined We subjoin the law of the Commonwealth. (Extracts from the Public Statutes c 203 §79) "Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon injures defaces tears or destroys any book plate Engraving or statue belonging to any town, town, city or other public library shall be punished by

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upon him shall have been fine dollars nor more than forty dollars or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months." When the Library was established it was thought that the present room would be large enough for several years The growth of the Library has exceeded the most sanguine expectations and it is only by the most rigid economy in the allotment of space that the books can be stored and the work of the Library performed and even were it not for the fact that matters exist absolutely demanding the attention and resources of the town the Board would respectfully urge immediate attention to the matter of providing a more convenient and larger Library room. As it is we would ask the consideration of the town in devising some more adequate arrangement at no very distant day.

The Choice of Books for the Library has been an important matter of consideration with the Board of Trustees and in the selection of books they have endeavored to use their best judgement and to improve as much as possible the tone and standard of the reading. The improvement in the standard of the books taken they will be noticed as worthy of attention

The Library has been in constant use by the Teachers and scholars in the Public Schools in connection with their studies and it is believed that much benefit has been derived therefrom It will be remembered that in their last Annual report the Board of Trustees suggested that some arrangement might be made with the School Committee by which the teachers and scholars in the several schools might more fully avail themselves of the benefits of the Library That suggestion we would at this time respectfully renew for the consideration of the town It is apparent that very close

Library Report for Year Ending February 20th 1884.

relations exist between the Public Library and the Public School and that the former & its privileges are used aright can and will do much for the latter. That the Public Library may become more and more a living & live member of the public school system is the sincere desire of the Board of Trustees. We would also in would ask anew the co-operation of the citizens of the town in sustaining the welfare and efficiency of the Library.

Subjoined will be found the financial report of the Trustees. = All of which is respectfully submitted

A.V.R. Prouty
George L. Wright
F.M. Whitcomb
P.M. Brigham
M.F. Kendall
} Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright, Librarian

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending February 20th 1884

Dr.

1883	To amount of Dog Fund appropriated to the use of the Library.		$89.57
	Balance of appropriation & fines for 1880=81=82 not expended		45 43
	Cash received of Librarian for fines & Catal.		6.29
	" Drawn from Treasury to pay Contingent Expenses of Library		75 25
1884 Feb 20	To total amount		$216.54

Per Contra Cr.

1883	By Cash pd Geo L Wright for services as Librarian from Mch 1. 1882 to Mch 1. 1883.	$50.00
	By amount carried forward	$50.00

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Trustees' Account Continued

1883	By amount amount forward		$50 00
	" Geo S. Wright for extra services in covering & labeling books Library Supplies, Invoices, Stationary & money paid out		17.00
	" " De Wolfe Fiske & Co for books as per account		94 81
	" " Putnam & Davis " " " "		3 50
	" " C. S. Adams & Co " " " "		4 40
	" " Sanford & Co binding & repairing " "		5 40
	" " Geo S Wright — freight on books		1 47
	" " " " Expressage "		5 50
	" " " " " Copies Child on Lines containing list of New Books		60
	" " " E.B. Berry for Library Stamps		75
1884	" " " W.N. Vickery making addition & Mahogany for Desk		2 00
Feb 20	" Cash pd Town Treasurer money		$115.43
	received for Catalogues		105
"	" " " " " " for fines		524
	" Fines Library unexpended balance of appropriations & fines in treasury		24 82
			$216.54

(Errors Excepted)

A.N.R. Prouty
George S. Wright
F.M. Whitcomb
P.M. Brigham
M.F. Kendall
} Trustees of the Public Library

We the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Boylston Certify that we have examined the foregoing account and compared it with our own accounts & find the amount as stated therein to be correct

H.N. Reed
L.L. Flagg
E.F. Norcross
} Selectmen of Boylston

Boylston February 26, 1884

A true copy of report & proceedings of Trustees of Library

Geo S. Wright
Clerk

Organization & Minutes of Trustees for the

Year 1884. and Ending March 3rd 1885.

No. of Trustees & Time of Service

Board of Trustees.

George L Wright	for 5	Years				March 1889
Fannie M Whitcomb	" 4	"	"	"	"	1888
Penneman M. Brigham	3	"	"	"	"	1887
Mary F. Kendall	" 2	"	"	"	"	1886
Alex V. R. Prouty	" 1	"	"	"	"	1885

Trustee George L Wright whose term of a member of the Board of Trustees Expired on March 3rd instant and at the annual meeting of the Town held on Monday said 3rd day of March George L. Wright was re elected by ballot to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years now ensuing—

Owing to the sickness of the Chairman of the Board it is hereby agreed by General consent to adjourn the annual meeting of the Trustees for the choice of officers &c, until the call of the Chairman.

By order of the Board
Geo L. Wright Clerk.

Boylston March 12=1884

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library. for the choice of officers &c. held in accordance with the above adjournment and pursuant to the call of the chairman on Wednesday March 26th 1884, Present. Messrs Brigham & Wright, and Miss Whitcomb. and Mrs. Kendall — The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved The Board proceeded to the choice of officers and the ballots were brought in and resulted in the choice of.

Alexander. V. R. Prouty as Chairman
George L. Wright " Clerk and Treasurer
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian

Voted that the quarterly meetings of the Board for the ensuing year be held as follows

On Monday May 19th

On Monday

Proceedings of Trustees March 26th continued

Quarterly Meetings Cont'd

On Monday August 18th
" " November 17th
" " February 20th 1885.

and at hours as the Chairman may designate

Librarian's Salary

Voted that the Librarian's Salary be the same as it was last year. ($50.00)

Amount of Money to be raised this year

Resolved that the amount granted by the Town at its annual meeting which is the amount of the Dog Fund returned from the County Treasurer. together with the Balance now in the Treasury according to the last report is

	30.06
In all amounting to	$122.03

is the sum to be expended for books, repair and Expense connected with purchase of Books. for the ensuing year.

Approved for Payment

The following bills were approved for payment and the Treasurer ordered to draw on the Town Treasurer for the same.

To pay George L. Wright for services as Librarian for year ending March 12. 1884. Fifty dollars. $50.11

For Extra services Covering & repair of Books to the Librarian and postage Eighteen dollars. 18.00

In all amounting to Sixty-Eight dollars $68.11

Attest George L Wright Clerk. By order of Trustees

Proceedings of the Trustees April 16th 1884.

The Trustees met by call of Chairman Present full Board, the Chairman presiding = The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was Voted that some arrangement be made with the School Committee or teachers in the public schools for the use of the Library as supplementary to and in connection with the studies pursued as recommended by the Trustees in their annual report (for which see page 13 & 25) and also that the matter of arrangement with the Teachers be left with the Librarian, & he is respected to use his judgement in regulating the number of books to be taken by Teachers - and the time allowed them to keep the books, = and also that all Teachers so using the Library shall be responsible for the safe keeping & preservation of the books taken, And that all books so taken be charged to the respective Teachers taking them. The matter of selecting books for the replenishment of the Library was then taken up and a list completed - Voted that the purchase of the books be left with the Librarian & that he attend personally to the same.

Adjourned to call of Chairman. - Attest Geo L Wright (*) Clerk.

1884

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston called by the appointment of the Chairman on Saturday June 7. 1884 Present. A.D.R. Prouty. Geo L Wright. Miss F. M Whitcomb the following bills were approved for payment.

Bills

Approved To pay D. Wolfe Tiske & Company for books as per following D. Wolfe invoice viz

[illegible]	1 Bonnie	.95	$ 8, 55
$10.58	1 Jesse Wells		48
	" Bernie's White Chicken		48
	" Colonel Dreeds		75
	" Beyond the Gates		80
	" Dr Claudius		67
	" To See Ward		80
	" English Bodley Family		90
	" Phil & his friends		83
	" Pinkhams Bros Tidemill		83
	" 1000 miles walk in South America		100
	" Prince of House of David		133
	" Mate of the Daylight		80
	" Woods & Lakes of Maine		200
	" World Remus		130
	" Reverend Dodd		100
	" Through one Administration		100
	3 Vols Caroline Lee Hentz Works	117	3 51
	" Nobody		1. 17
	" Stephen M.D.		1 17
	" 26 Men in a Day		75.
	" Cured from Hospital & Visit to House		84.
	" among Holy Hills		100
	" From Ice to Norway		100
	" Morning among Jesuits Ont.		0000
	" 3 Thousand Miles neighbors.		77
	" The Book of Rare		65
	Secret Management		60
	3 Vols Taylor's Sermons	150	3 00
	1 Temperance Temperance		100
	" Modern Instance		100
	" Medicine and Country		100

Forward

Brought forward June 1st 1884.

Bill	[illegible]		11
Appld	1 [illegible]		50
Dr to	" [illegible]		1 [illegible]
Fish Co	" [illegible]		67
$10.58	" [illegible]		1 67
Contd	" [illegible]		67
	" Story of [illegible]		50
	" Ben-Hur		100
	" Margaret Fuller-		83
2	" Edgeworth	83	166
1	" Widow Goldsmith's Daughter		95
	" Life D. N. Kirk		100
	" " Mrs Prentiss		150
6	" Whispering Pine Series		4.50
1	" Zigzag in Occident		105
	" Old Fashioned Thanksgiving		67
	" Pet Rollo		775
	" " " Tour		5-50
	" Roundabout Journey		100
	" Oregon		83
	" Donelli's Poems		128
	" Donelli's "		128
	" Garfield & Education		50
	" Upwards & Downward		25
	" Hemlock Swamp		40
	" Confessions of Medicine		40
	" Woman's Friendship		45
	" Real Lord Byron		50
3	" Kingsley	45	135
1	" Thrown Together		40
	" Starling		60
	" Grace Greenwood Books		50
	" In Tennessee Mountains		83
	" Roman Singer		83.
	" Pilot Bush & Principle		90
	" Life of Burritt		117
	" " " Scotch Naturalist		100
	" Peter the Apostle		100
	" Moses the Lawgiver		100
	" Daniel the Beloved		100
	" Cont.	Total	33 $90.55

1884

Proceedings of Trustees. June 7th 1884 continued

Bills approved brought up $90.58

To pay Henry D Noyes & Co $15.12 Bromfield St. Boston for 1 years subscription to

Harpers Monthly Magazine

from June 1884 to May 1885 inclusive $3.45

St Nicholas Magazine

from May 1884 to April 1885 inclusive 2.75

Six dollars and twenty cents. $6.20

To pay George L. Wright for freight and services in prepareing books

six dollars 6.00

Due all amounting to = One hundred and two dollars and seventy-eight cent. $102.78

Approved. Seal of Chairman Attest Fred L Wright by order

Proceedings of the Trustees June 8th 1884

Present. Fred L Wright Miss F. M. Whitcomb & Mrs M. F. Kendall

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Voted to have three hundred (300) catalogues of all books added to the library since the publication of the last supplement printed in the same form and distributed in the same manner as the last supplements.

Voted to put the magazines subscribed for in circulation and allow them to be taken out for one week only, at a time = all magazines to be returned in the same manner as the books before being taken out for circulation,

Adjourned to call of Chairman

Attest. Fred L Wright Clerk = by order

Proceedings of Library meeting August 29. 1884

Present A. V. B Prouty Geo L Wright — Miss F. M Whitcomb and Mrs M. F. Kendall

The librarian submitted his quarterly report

The following donations were acknowledged

1 Document City of Worcester Mrs Dea Sanford M. Kendall

2 vols Life of Fernando Cortes = Italian Sketch Book

James Bigelow — 1 vol Life of James G Blaine from

E. M. Reynolds of Clinton — 2 vols Bullions monthly

W. S. Smith (Bound by the Trustees) 1 vol of Manual

of General Court Massachusetts 1884. 1 pamphlet
Memorial discourse on Life of Ezra Batchelder of North-
Brookfield Mass. by Rev H. M. Burrage from Horace
Kendall of Worcester
Voted to distribute the supplementary catalogues
ordered to be printed at the last meeting free
of charge and cost of transfer to be charged to the
town.
The following bills were approved
To pay Geo W. Reynolds for printing
300 Supplementary Catalogues $6.00

To pay H. W. Reynolds for printing
200 Blank acknowledgments 1.75 $7.75

To pay Sanford & Co for binding & Repairing
Books

And orders were drawn on Selectmen for payment
of above bills.
Voted to approve of settlement made by Librarian
with Charles Kimball for damage done to book
viz = upon payment of the sum of Seventy five cents
Adjourned subject to call
of Chairman Russell Wright. Secy pro tem

Copy of letter rec'd by trustees from Commissioner
of Education U. S. Government.

Department of Interior
Bureau of Education
Washington D.C. October 1. 1884

Two important objects influence me to
send this inquiry to you at this date
First there is great urgency that the
Library Report of 1875 should be revised
that its statistics and historical portion
should be brought up to date and
reissued in pamphlet form = Second
the New Orleans Exposition furnishes
an opportunity to bring forward
among the educational exhibits
the work of the Libraries of the country
The

1884

Letter received from U.S. Commissioner of Education

We are sorry to have to trouble you with so many questions from the U.S. Commissioner of Education but we shall be thankful if you only return what you can promptly = the name and post-office address, and number of volumes &c. You will remember that the Exposition opens the first of December and our work on these statistics should be completed before the middle of November - Very respectfully

Commissioner of Education -

Bureau of Education

Return for the year ending Dec 30th 1884

Inquiries respecting Libraries

Name of Library. Boylston Public Library

Location Boylston Worcester County

Mass. Massachusetts. When founded. March 1st 1880

Form of Subscription Library. The Boylston Social Library was originally a subscription library. In 1880 it was merged into the free public library of the Town of Boylston Mass

Number of volumes March 1st 1884 - 1212 vols = present number 1856 volumes

Volumes added during last library year 644 vols

Volumes issued during the last library year 3,054 volumes Amount of permanent fund supported by annual Town appropriation Total yearly income from all sources. Last year $216.54

Total yearly expenditure for books periodicals and binding. $124.05

Yearly expenditure for salaries and incidentals $89.35.

(Dated) October 1884.

Signed

Geo F. Wright -

Librarian and Secretary of Trustees

By order of Board - Boylston Public Library

Proceedings of Directors, Records Vol 1

Meeting Nov 17th 1884

Present A. V. H. Treat Rev Wright L. W. Wright
The minutes of last meeting were read & approved
The Librarian put matter of his report for the
quarter ending this date. The following
donations were acknowledged = 2 vols
The Maine explored and Rapid Exploration
by Rev Ethan Smith
and City Documents Worcester Mass 1884 from
Deacon Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester. = A com
munication (received on July 1884) received
from Hon John Eaton U. S. Commissioner of
Education was read and the Librarian
instructed to answer the same, it was
Voted to bind the volumes of St Nicholas
and Harpers Magazines now complete
Voted to subscribe for Century Magazine
Voted that the Librarian be instructed
to make all necessary repairs on books.
Adjourned to call of Chairman — Attest Rev Wright
Clerk — By Order of the Board

Letter from Secy N. E. Tract & Missionary Society

New England Tract and Missionary Society
Tenth Semi-Centennial Anniversary

Social Library
Berkshire Co.

Messrs.

Some months since the International Tract and Missionary Society presented the following books to the Library = "History of the Sabbath" "Constitutional Amendment" "Thoughts on Daniel" — "Thoughts on Revelation" "Life of Miller" "Life of Bates" and "Spirit of Prophecy in three vols." We would like to inquire if these books are accepted by your readers and if you would like the three additional books — "The Sanctuary" "United States in Prophecy" and "Sketches from the life of Paul". on the same conditions before = Waiting Your reply We remain Yours respectfully E. T. Palmer

Are the Signs — Health — & Economist — [illegible] sent to your Library

Letter sent in lieu to N.E.S. [illegible]

Brookfield, Oct 1885

Miss Eliza S. Palmer Secretary, New England Tract and Missionary Society South Lancaster Mass

Madam

In reply to your letter of inquiry concerning books donated to this library I will say that the books donated by your society are read somewhat but are not by families residing in this town who profess or follow the doctrines and belief of the Seventh Day Adventists. [illegible] [illegible] upon the Library by the said Society and [illegible] to this library of the extent to which they are read I can not say as no record is kept of the papers periodicals & reference books used in the library during the regular library hours Although it is an unwritten law of the Trustees not to purchase any works professing to set forth the particular tenets of any denomination or sect of religion still they never the less gladly [illegible] all such donations when made to the library and to all such periodicals they cheerfully grant a place upon the reading table, believing that the public library is an institution of the people [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] have a full right to be represented by any additional books or papers that you may be pleased to donate to the library will be freely and gladly received.

Very respectfully
George L Wright
Clerk of the Trustees and
Librarians of the Library

Certificate of Appraisal of Library Feb 21st

We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library certify that we have this day appraised the books and other property belonging to said Library and find the amount of the same to be according to our best judgement cash value as follows.

Value of books in the Library Feb 20th 1884. was $1000.00

Value of books added during the past year.

which Last-named we have allowed for the year and use of the books during the past year

Making the total value of the Library February 1885 to be according to our best judgement $1100.00

Signed A. L. Wright
E. M. Whitcomb
J. M. Bright
Rev L. Wright

Trustees of the Public Library

Boylston February 1885.

Proceedings of Trustees Feby 19th 85

The Trustees met according to appointment on Thursday February 19th 1885. present full board The minutes were read & approved The Librarian presented his Quarterly report which was accepted = Donations were acknowledged as follows. Mine Explored or Helps to Reading the Bible and the Light Revelations 2 vols to Miss Lucinda Hunt. Agriculture Mass C. Flint 2 vols 1875-76. U.S. Agriculture 1863. The Mourners Book The Old Sea Captain. Sermons by Rev N. Emmons History of First Church in Marlboro Mass Rev E. Field Newcomb's Manual by Miller Barnes

Report of Comptroller of Currency from Hon H. W. Cannon comptroller = The appraisal of the Library was then made and certified to as above The accounts of the Librarian were examined and found correct and drawn as follows to wit

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Account of Trustees continued

Dr.

To Cash received for fines as per book $ 6.33
" " " " Catalogues sold .60
" Total amount. $ 6.93

Cr.

By Cash paid Trustees $ 6.93

and receipts were passed to the Librarian for the above amount.

The Board then made a full and complete examination of the Library as required and found the Library in as good condition as could be expected. It was decided to have all books found and be repaired as there may be need before issuing them for circulation.

The several reports were then made up read and accepted as the report of the Trustees & Librarian to be presented to the town.

After which the Board adjourned subject to call of Chairman

Attest Chas L Wright Clerk.

Annual Report of the Library

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the Library year ending February 20th 1885. The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library as reported February 20. 1884 1733

Increase during the year

By Purchase	113
" Gifts	19
" Numbering pamphlets	2
" Binding	0

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Annual Report year ending Feb. 28th 1885

Received from the Commonwealth 1
Total number of vols in Library Feb 28. 1885 1368
No books have been lost during the year.

Circulation

Number of days the Library was open	51
" " volumes delivered	3,250
Largest number of " " in any one day (January 23. 1885)	97
Smallest " " " " (July 12. 1884)	40
Average " " " each day	63
Number of volumes rebound	1
" " " repaired	8
" " Catalogues sold	4
" " persons fined for detention and damage to books	38
Number of persons registered as using the Library Feb 28th 1884	339
" " " registered during the year	42
Total " " " to date	381

Monthly Circulation of Books.

1884	February 23d	62 vols
	March	374 "
	April	296 "
	May	295 "
	June	215 "
	July	198 "
	August	278 "
	September	232 "
	October	246 "
	November	308 "
	December	259 "
1885	January	413 "
	February 7th	74 "
	Total	3,250 "

During the past year donations have been made to the Library as follows. Books, pamphlets

U.S. Government through Hon W. W. Rice	2
Northborough Free Public Library	1
Lancaster Town Library	1

Other

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[illegible]	2	
Mrs Charles E. Bridle	2	
George W. Reynolds, Clinton	1	
Samford M. Randall, Worcester	2	1
Horace Randall, Worcester		1
Miller Barnes	7	1
U.S. Comptroller of Currency	1	
"A Friend"	2	

Mid England Grain & Mission Army
Society South Lancaster Newspaper via Signs of Times

The circulation of the Library for the different years since the opening of the Library has been as follows:

For the year 1880 (from Sept 1st)	1.128	volumes
" " 1881	4.371	"
" " 1882	3.451	"
" " 1883	3.024	"
" " 1884.	3.250	"

Total number of volumes taken since the opening of the Library 15.824. vols

From the foregoing statistics it will be seen that the circulation of the Library for the past year has exceeded that of the preceding year by two hundred and twenty six (226) volumes, and compares favorably with the circulation of the several years that the Library has been in existence. The standard and tone of the reading has continued as high as at any time since the opening of the Library. These facts are in themselves worthy of [illegible]

In addition to the publications already mentioned in this report Periodicals Received have been received from time to time from publishers and others and to all of the donors who have so generously remembered the Library the trustees would return the sincere acknowledgements of the Town

during

Library Report [illegible]

During the month of June the Trustees made a full examination of the Library as required by the Rules and Regulations and found the books and other property belonging to the Library in as good condition as could be expected — It will be remembered that in their last annual report the Trustees [illegible] and more convenient quarters for the Library that appeal they would [illegible] The Library has outgrown its present quarters and more room is needed for properly classifying and systematizing its work.

During the past year the experiment of subscribing for magazines and allowing the monthly numbers to be taken from the Library for a term of one week only, has been tried and the success of the experiment would justify the trial for another year with a larger and more complete list of magazines It was found that many who did not care to take books from the Library were interested in the current literature of the day. The Trustees would therefore recommend that a larger amount of the funds placed at the disposal of the Library be appropriated in this way during the coming year Their only regret is that the present cramped quarters of the Library will not allow them to more fully carry out this plan by combining the benefits of the Library with that of a reading room as it is many as all the members of the [illegible] to spend the time during Library hours among the

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[illegible] the Trustees passed a vote allowing the Librarian to place in the public schools to use the library in connection with the school work upon such terms as could be agreed upon by the Librarian of this privilege several of the teachers have availed themselves the benefits resulting therefrom have been apparent in the school work. The Trustees believe that the public schools and the public library are two of the most important factors in elevating and dignifying the moral & intellectual [illegible] and that by combining the work of the two the best [illegible] The Trustees have directed their course, by the rules adopted by them the teachers can select from the Library a number of volumes and keep them upon their desks for circulation among the scholars. By this arrangement they can study the tastes of the scholars and ransack the library thoroughly them, they can arrange suppelmentary readings in connection with school studies and likewise elevate the standard of the reading demanded by the young.

By this arrangement we can study

believe that our schools and Library would begin to do their full work together and then the last would hold the position which of right it ought to hold as the head of our Educational System and thus become the natural complement of the other.

The selection of books for the Library is an important task and the Trustees feel that whatever books if any they may be able to add during the coming year should be those only which are especially demanded & to this end they would earnestly invite

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the patrons of the Library to support the
titles of books we may purchase the most useful
of study or thought — which they may require
to consult or use or which they may
think suitable and proper to be placed
upon the Library shelves. By so doing they
will greatly assist the Trustees in their
labors. — In conclusion the Trustees would
urge upon the citizens of the town the
necessity of maintaining the present and
efficient by the Library Fund. We would
therefore recommend the annual appropriation
of the Dog Fund for the same.

The following is the account of the receipts
and expenditures of the Library

Statement of the Librarian required under the
Town of Boylston for the year ending
February 20. 1885.

Dr.

1884. To balance of former appropriation in the
Treasury February 20. 1884. $ 30.06
To amount of Dog Fund appropriated
to Library 91.97
To Cash drawn from Treasury
to pay contingent expenses 81.75
1885
Feb 20 To cash rec'd of Librarian for
Sale of catalogues .60
" " " for fines 6.33
Total amount. $ 210.71

Per contra Cr.

1884 By Cash paid
George L. Wright — services as
Librarian from May 1st 1883 to
March 1. 1884 $ 50.00
By Amount Carried forward $ 50.00

1884. 85.

Report for Year ending Dec 31st 1885 (continued)

By amount brought forward		$50.00
By paid		
George Dillingham—for extra services in covering & repairing books supplies & stationery & mending		18.00
W. Hayes Ellis for subscription to newspapers		6.20
Geo Dill Wright—for expenses in connection with Dec. meeting, freight—and express charge		6.00
Dr. Wm E Fiske for books as per bill		90.58
Per W. Reynolds for printing supplementary catalogues		6.00
Per W. Reynolds for printing blank acknowledgements for		1.75
Stamps & printing & repairing books	3.30	
By amount paid out on orders		$181.83

Dec 31 By cash paid Town Treasurer
- Rec'd rec'd for Catalogues $1.60
- " " " lines 4.33 5.93

Free Library unexpended balance
(from said appropriations returned 21.95

By total amount $210.71

Errors excepted Respectfully submitted

(Signed) C. L. K. Beauty, George Dillingham, W. M. Brigham, H. F. Rowland, F. M. Whitcomb — Trustees of the Public Library

George Dill Wright — Librarian

Report for year ending Feb 20th 1885 presented

We the undersigned auditors of the town of Boxford certify that we have examined the accounts of the trustees of the Public Library and recommend the same with our above statements and find that the account of orders therein stated is correct.

(signed) W. L. Richards } Auditors
" " " Ebenezer L. Flagg } "
" " " Benj. K. Cushing } Boxford.

A true copy
Attest. Geo. L. Wright Clerk of the trustees

Library Year - A.D. 1885-86

Records & Minutes of Trustees from 1885 and ending Feby 20. 1886

Board of Trustees

A. D. R. Proudy	for 5 years	term expires 1890
George L. Wright	for 2 years	term expires 1888
Fannie M. Whitcomb	3 "	" " 1888
Perminian M. Brigham	4 "	" " 1887
Mary F. Kendall	1 "	" " 1886

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the Library March 1885. Present. Geo. L. Wright - P. M. Brigham Miss F. M. Whitcomb Mrs. M. F. Kendall. The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved The Board proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year by ballot and A.D.R. Proudy was chosen as chairman and George L. Wright - was chosen Secretary George L. Wright - was also chosen Librarian

Voted that the regular meetings of the Trustees be held as follows, to wit

Monday May 18th 1885
" August 17th "
" November 16th "
February 20th 1886

At such places and hours as the Chairman may designate, and provided if any matter may arise at the times above

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Minutes of Trustees Meeting continued

Voted that in consideration of the inconvenient to hold the meetings, the chairman shall be and is hereby authorized to change the time of such meeting to such other time as he shall deem best.

Voted that the Librarians compensation be the same as last year.

It was ascertained that the following sums are the unexpended balances remaining on hand to be appropriated for Books and Expenses connected with the purchase of books for the current year viz: Balance unexpended of fines 6,33

Unexpended balance due Library $21.95

Dog Fund Appropriation was 115.20

of Library

Total Amount. $143.48

It was voted to subscribe for the following Magazines & periodicals

Wide Awake

Youths Companion

Harpers Boys & Girls

Centuryo

Harpers Monthly Magazine

St. Nicholas

Country Gentleman

Bills approved for payment

To Jas Sec L Wright for services as Librarian from March 12 1884 to March 12 1885. (Fifty Dollars) $50.00

To pay Sec L Wright for extra services covering Books Music &c 18.25

(Eighteen dollars twenty-five cents)

Due Asa (Sixty-Eight dollars twenty-five cents) And pending the selection $68.25

of Books for Library Appointed

A true record Attest

Sec'd L Wright Clerk of

By Order of the Board the Trustees.

Proceedings of Trustees March 15th 1886

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment present George L Wright — and Chairman W. H. Greene
The minutes of last meeting were read & accepted
The Librarian presented a verbal report concerning the Library & the Circulation during the past quarter, which was accepted
It was voted to add Harper's Illustrated Weekly and Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper to the list of periodicals to be subscribed for, and to substitute [illegible] for Harper's Bazar which is now discontinued,
Voted to procure Straw color manilla paper like the sample exhibited at this meeting instead of the covering paper used at the present time
Voted to leave the matter of collecting photographs for the Album with Mrs Kendall as a Sub-Committee for the above purpose
Voted that the following bills be approved for payment.

Samuel Swift for Library Cards	$ 2.25
five dollars. Twenty-five cents	
H. B. Eaton & Co Covering paper	5.75
Samuel Swift	
Repairing 2 books of Library books	3.60
" 10 " " "	3.30

There being no Select books for the Library now on hand and no other business coming before the Board adjourned subject to call of Chairman if any necessary business shall arise otherwise until next quarterly meeting in August

Attest Geo. L Wright Clerk of the Trustees
By Order

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Proceedings of Library Trustees Aug 22d

The Trustees met, Present, Messrs. Wright and Brigham, Miss Whitcomb & Mrs Kendall
Minutes of last meeting read & approved
The Librarian presented a verbal report concerning the Library for past quarter in which he reported the circulation of books fully up to the average for the summer months He reported the whole no of names on Register of Book-Borrowers to be - 396
In his hands for Catalogues Sold
" " " " for fines laid
Total Amount in Librarians hands
He reported that the Library was closed on May 30th (Soldiers Memorial Day) the same being a legal holiday and all books which expired on that date were made returnable on the following Library day and no fines assessed for the detention of books
Also that no fines were levied on books expiring July 4th (that being also a legal holiday) the report of the Librarian was accepted by vote.
Donations to the Library were acknowledged as follows to wit
Historical Sketch of Boylston Mass 1830 -
by Nathan Sargent Esq
Anniversary Sermons preached in Boylston
by the Rev Wm R. Sanford - 1852
from Charles J. Longley -
One pamphlet viz
American Churches the Bulwark of American
Slavery a reprint from James G. Birney
by Parker Pillsbury = from P. Pillsbury
One volume viz
Agriculture of Massachusetts. Annual Report
1884. by John E. Russell Secretary
from Hon Nahum Boylston Esq of W. Boylston
Representative to 16th Worcester District -
Voted that the above-mentioned donations from C. J. Longley be kept in the Library until a sufficient amount of documents relating to Histomeanse obtained and that all such be numbered & the

Proceedings of Library Trustees August 22nd (continued

The following bills were approved for payment
W pray Sanford & Company for repairing books $3.10

Voted to take up the matter of selecting books for the Library and with this pending, voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman then to complete the business of this meeting.
Attest George L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Proceedings of the Trustees October 6th
The Trustees met by call of Chairman in accordance with the vote of the Board of the last meeting
Present A.W.R. Prouty Penn. Chas M. Brigham and George L. Wright
The Board proceeded to make up and complete the list of books to left over from the last meeting
Voted that the purchase of books be left with the Librarian and that he attend personally to the same, as soon as may be convenient. Attest. Geo L Wright Clerk
By order of the Board.

Proceedings of the Trustees December 7th
The Trustees met, the regular quarterly meeting having been postponed to this time.
Present- A.W.R Prouty P.M Brigham Geo L Wright and Miss H. M. Whitcomb
The books purchased for the Library were Examined and approved of. By the Board
The Librarian was instructed to contract for the necessary for the additional number of volumes for the Library also to print three hundred (300) copies of Supplementary Catalogue previous to
and that the supplementary list be distributed in the same manner as with the last Catalogue
The quarterly report of the Librarian was presented and donations acknowledged as follows
One volume from Mrs B.C. Lane entitled "Books and Bookmen"

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and Saddles by Mrs Elizabeth Custer. one volume
how gloriously [illegible] entitled "Following the Guidon" or
Leaves from my Note-Book of Forty years" by John
B. Gough - one volume Spirit of Prophecy Vol 4.
by Mrs E.G. White from Pen Publishing Board
and Missionary Society of Seventh-Day
[illegible] 1885
[illegible] Report of Superintendent
[illegible] from
Hon (Seal) Secretary of the Commonwealth

[illegible] were ordered for payment

To pay S. Wolfe Fiske & Co Washington St
Boston for Library books as per following
bills

1	Boy's Rebellion	3.50 2/5	2 10
"	Miss Richards Boy	3.00 "	1 80
	Jigsaw Journey in Acadia	1.75 "	1 05
"	" " " Northern Lands	1.75 "	1 05
"	Young Folks History America	1.50 "	95
"	[illegible] Italy	1.25 "	75
"	[illegible] around the World	2.50 5/8	1 59
"	[illegible] on the Mississippi	3.50 2/5	2 10
"	[illegible] Prince	2.75 1/3	1 84
"	[illegible] Animals	1.50 1/3	95
"	Young Folks History	1.50 1/3	95
"	Famous Americans	2.50 1/3	1 67
"	Voyage of Viking	2.50 1/3	1 67
"	Ramona	1.50 "	1 00
"	Peep's Corner	1.00 "	1 00
"	Forester	1.50 "	1 00
"	Jack Ledru's wife	1.25 1/3	80
"	Doris & Theodora	1.50 1/3	1 00
"	[illegible] Paradise	1.50 "	34
"	Ordway Towers	1.50 "	1 00
"	Silas Lapham	1.50 1/3	1 00
"	Edith Lyle	1.50 1/3	95
"	Earl Hagnes Nobility	1.50 1/3	95
"	Missy	1.50 "	95

Proceedings of the Library Committee

To Amount Brought forward			
1	Beyond Pardon		67
"	Vagabondia	1.50	100
"	Dick Prands	1.50	100
"	In His Name	100	67
"	Miss Hoosier's Mission	75	50
"	Spanish Picture	1.50	100
"	Vice Versa		50
"	Lectures on Teaching		15
"	Primary Methods	1.50	100
"	Betty Bell's		15
"	[illegible]	75	50
"	Music Studies	125	84
"	Qui Vive	150	100
"	Burgomaster's Wife	100	67
"	Money in Politics	125	84
"	Pentagrid	150	100
"	Red Wall Flower	175	117
"	Tracks Afield	100	67
"	Capts of Industry	125	84
"	Appledore Cook Book	75 net	75
"	Hoosier Schoolboy	100 75	64
"	Romans Words	150	95
"	Hartwells Farm	100 ½	67
"	Gold of Chickaree	175	117
"	Wych Hazel	175	117
"	City Ballads	200	134
"	Whittiers Life	125	84
"	Fairy Tales Letters		84
"	Jean Jumper		100
"	Promises		75
"	Dramas	90 ½	60
"	Browning's Educational Theories		50
"	North White		100
"	Good Girls		67
"	Ruby		100
"	One Days Reading		80
"	Happy Dodd		100
"	Orange Blossoms	100 2/5	60
"	Writing & Drawing		50
	Carried forward		$74.34

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Proceedings of the Trustees December 7th Continued

Brought forward	
1 John Bull	80
" Dearer than Life	67
" Outlines of Physiology	2 00
" Her own Way	84
" Driven Back to Eden	95
" Original Belle	95
" Bonnyborough	1 00
" The Golden West	105
" Mrs Nendons Income	1 00
" Mortal Antipathy	1 00
" Mission Flower	60
" Daisy plains	117
" Aurora	88
" Street Lonely	130
" Conspiracy	100
" Wetherd Feather	100
Total Amount of bills	#90.50

To pay Melvyn L Wright for expenses to Boston & services in purchasing Books 5.00

To pay Melvyn L Wright for Librarians Account Book 1.00

To pay Standard Stereotype Co Worcester for Electrotype Plates & Engravings 3 70

Attest Melvyn L Wright Clerk
By order of the Board.

Communication to the Trustees from Charles F Longley
To Melvyn L Wright Librarian of the Public Library

As I have more than one copy of Davenports History of Brighton I will send one of them as a gift to the public Library I think it would be better to keep it as a book of Reference than for general circulation

Yours truly C. F. Longley

Mr Longley sent subsequently Smith's copy of Sanford's Thanksgiving Sermons)

See vote of Trustees on page 148 at top of page

Att Melvyn Wright Clerk Trustees

Communication to the Trustees from Nathaniel L Kendall + Bros.-

The Trustees of the Public Library received the following communication — To the Trustees of the Public Library in the Town of Boylston As the album which father wished us to get and present to the town has been well received and cordially contributed to, and as this book is full and this work but just begun having done that this book will not contain and many more promised each name of Boylston people that have gone elsewhere to live still cherishing Boylston as their native town that have not as yet been asked. Therefore we the sons of the late Oliver S. Kendall wishing that this work may still go on will give the town another album if acceptable to you. Furthermore with your consent and approval we will give another album to be called the Soldiers' album. Any instructions or suggestions from your board of trustees will be gladly received in relation to this album if accepted of.

Boylston Dec 8th 1885

Nathaniel L. Kendall
Everett Kendall
Oliver S. Kendall Jr.

A true copy Attest
Ores L Wright Clerk. by order of the trustees

In Board of Library Trustees December 9th 1885

Present A.K. Prouty Chairman, Orzo L Wright P.M. Brigham and Miss Fanny M. Whitcomb

The communication received from the sons of the late Oliver Sawyer Kendall, as recorded above was read and it was upon motion + seconded unanimously voted. First that the Board of Trustees of the Public Library in the Town of Boylston hereby gratefully accept the propositions and offers of the sons of the late Oliver Sawyer Kendall contained in their communication to this Board dated on the tenth instant and that we hereby desires to express and place upon record our appreciation of the friendly manner in which they have carried out the wishes of their late father and the unceasing interest which they have

over

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Meetings of Trustees. December 19th Continued

ner-exhibited in the affairs of the Library—
2nd That the remaining members of this Board would hereby tender their thanks to Mrs Mary F Kendall for the thorough and efficient manner in which she has carried out the instructions of the Trustees as expressed in their vote passed on the 18th of May last
3rd That the work of collecting photographs for the Library remain in the hands of Mrs Mary F. Kendall of this Board and the other members of the family of the late Oliver S. Kendall with full authority and permission to make such plans and take such course in relation thereto as they may deem expedient.
4th That Wm. P. M. Brigham of this Board be a sub-committee on the part of the Trustees to procure from the records in the Town Clerks office a list of the soldiers who served in the Rebellion from this town and transmit the same to Mrs Kendall for her use and assistance in completing the proposed soldiers Album also
Voted That the Clerk of the Board be directed to transmit to the family of the late Oliver S. Kendall a transcript of the doings of this meeting.

A D Whitney
George L. Wright
Wm. M. Brigham
F. M. Whitcomb

By Geo L Wright Clerk
By Order of the Board

Proceedings of the Trustees. February 1886.

We the undersigned Trustees of the Library certify that we have appraised the Library and find the value of the same to be in for the Books and other property belonging to the Library according to our best skill & judgement— $2000.00

A. D. R. Prouty
Geo L Wright
F. M. Bigelow
} Trustees

Boylston February. 1886. The Trustees met.
Present A.D.R. Prouty. Chairman. Geo L Wright & F. M. Bigelow
The minutes of the meeting held in November and December last were read and approved.
The Librarian gave a verbal report concerning the Library for the last quarter which was accepted.
It was voted to acknowledge all donation received since the last meeting of the Trustees.
The appraisal of the Library was then made and signed to as above. The Trustees made their annual examination of the Library and found the books and other property in as good condition as could be expected.
The accounts of the Librarian were examined and found correct and the sum of $4.22 received for fines & Catalogues was acknowledged & receipts passed for the same).
The several reports were then made up and adopted as the report of the Trustees for the year now ending to be presented to the town at the Annual Meeting in March next, and ordered transmitted to the Selectmen for publication with the other reports of town Officers. Bill approved Sanford & Binding Magazines $4.10

Attest George L Wright Clerk
By Order of the Board

Report of Trustees and Librarians for the

The Trustees and Librarians of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 20, 1886.

The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library.

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library as reported February 20, 1885		1,868
Increased during the year.		
By purchased	86	
" Donations	21	
Binding —	4	
Total No of Vols in the Library Feb 20, 1886		1,979

Circulation

Number of days the Library was open	249	
" " volumes delivered	3,339	
Largest " " " " in any one day (January 16, 1886)	105	
Smallest " " " " (July 4, 1885)	43	
Average " " " each day.	68	
Number " " rebound & repaired	35	
" " Catalogues sold	6	
" " persons fined detention and damage to books	23	
" " Persons registered as using the Library February 20, 1885	381	
" registered during the year	80	
Total number registered to date	411	

Monthly Circulation of Books.

1885 February 28th	79 vols
March	288
April	245
May	224
June	224
July	218
August	307
September	266
October	343
November	299

Amount Carried forward

Library Year 1885 and Ending Feb 20. 1886

Monthly Circulation of Books Continued

Total number brought forward		3054 Vols
December	314	"
1886 January	448	"
February 6th	75	"
Total	3,339	Vols.

During the past year donations have been made to the Library as follows.

	Vols	Pamp
Commonwealth of Massachusetts through Hon Henry B. Pierce. Secretary	5	—
" " " Town Clerk's Office	9	—
Northborough Free Public Library	—	1
Lancaster Town Library	—	1
Charles D. Longley	—	2
Parker Pillsbury. Concord N.H.	—	1
Soldiers' Home Chelsea Mass	—	1
Horatio Noughton Esq West Boylston	1	—
Mrs B.C. Lane	1	—
John B. Gough. Esq^{r}.	1	—
New England Tract + Missionary Society South Lancaster Mass	1	—
State of Tennessee	1	—
Sanford M. Kendall Worcester	1	1
Department of Interior	1	2
Total	21.	9.

The Circulation of the Library for the different years since its opening has been as follows

For the Year 1880	1,728	volumes
" " " 1881	4,371	"
" " " 1882	3,451	"
" " " 1883	3,024	"
" " " 1884	3,250	"
Total Circulation to Feb 20, 1885	15,824	"
For the year 1885	3,339	"
Total circulation to date	19,163	"

Classification of Books Taken.

Fiction 40% | History 15% | Art + Science 05%
Travels 20 " | Biography 20 " | Total 100%

Comparative use Day and Evening

Day use 33%. Evening use 67% Total 100%.

From the above statistics it will be seen that the circulation of the Library for the past year has been good, and the tone of the reading has been fully up to its previous high standard.

In addition to the donations already mentioned in this report Periodicals, Reviews, etc have been received from time to time from the publishers and others and to all of the donors who have so generously remembered the Library we would return the sincere acknowledgements of the town; especially would we remember the generousity and interest which our distinguished townsman John B. Hough has ever manifested in the Library and we would hereby express public acknowledgement for the many valuable donations which he has been pleased to make to the library since its organization,

As is required by the Rules and Regulations adopted by the town for the government of the Library, the Trustees have made a full and complete Examination of it, and found the books and other property belonging to it in a satisfactory condition, We would respectfully call the attention of the citizens of the town as has repeatedly been done in other reports of the Board to the overcrowded condition of the Library and to the necessity for providing new and more convenient quarters We would invite their consideration of the article for that purpose in the warrant for the Annual town meeting. We are of the opinion that the whole or a part of the lower room in the Town House if it is not to be used for school purposes at present might be fitted up at small expense and used for the purposes of the Library, thus allowing a more convenient and systematic arrangement of the books with abundant room for additions and means for a reading room and the other accessories which we feel that the growing condition of the Library demands,

Year 1885 and ending February 20th 1886. Continued

During the past year the Trustees have used a portion of the funds placed at their disposal for the purchase of periodicals and magazines, and the following are now regularly subscribed for and placed on the Library Table for the perusal of all those who may wish to read them viz. Harpers Weekly. Harpers Monthly. The Century and the St. Nicholas, and the Trustees have in contemplation additions to this list during the ensuing year.

The photograph album presented to the Library by the sons of the late Oliver S. Kendall in obedience to his wishes, has been completed and is now filled with the photographs of more than one hundred of the older and former citizens of the town. In December last the Trustees received a communication from the Messrs Kendalls offering to the Library an additional album together with another one to contain the photographs of the Soldiers who served in the Rebellion from Douglas which offers were gratefully accepted and the Trustees would here by express their appreciation of the generosity and untiring interest which these gentlemen have manifested in the Library and in carrying out the wishes of their late father. It was a timely thought on his part, and the institution really has but just been commenced yet its importance becomes more and more apparent as the years pass away.

The present year closes the sixth year of the Library's existence. Its success has thus far demonstrated our brightest anticipations and clearly demonstrates the value and utility of the free public Library system. Its influence and importance in and upon the Educational and moral welfare of the community becomes greater each year. Equally important with the church and free public school, the public Library stands as a factor in educating and raising

the community in general knowledge hence your Trustees would urge upon the citizens of the town the importance of maintaining the high standard and circulation of their own Library and of increasing in every way possible its usefulness and influence

The following is the report of the Trustees of their receipts and expenditures for the year now ending. In conclusion we would respectfully recommend the appropriation of the "Dog Fund" to the uses of the Library.

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending Feb 20, 1886

Dr.

1885 To Balance of appropriations in treasury February 20. 1885		$21.95
" fines in the treasury Feb 20, 1885	6 33	
To amount due the Library Feb 20, 1885		$28,28
" " of Dog Fund appropriated to Library		115 20
" Cash drawn from Treasy to pay Contingent expenses		83,75
" " received of Librarian - Catalogues		90
" " " " " - fines		3.32
To Total amount		$231,45

Per Contra. Cr.

1885 By Cash paid —		
George L Wright services as Librarian March 1. 1884. to March 1. 1885		$50,00
Geo L Wright - for Extra services Covering books supplies stationary and mucilage		18.25
Sanford & Co. Library cards		2 25
C, B. Eaton & Co Covering paper		5 75
Geo L Wright Librarian's debt Book		1 00
Geo L Wright - Expenses purchasing books - expressage & freight - on books		6 50
By amt Carried forward		$83,75

Year 1885 and ending February 20, 1886 Continued

By amount brought forward		$83.75
Sanford & Co binding & repairing books	13 90	
De Wolfe Fiske & Co Books as per acct	90.50	
Sanford & Co binding magazines	4.70	
E.B. Berry Subscription to magazines	12 60	
By amount paid out on orders		$205.45

1886. February 20th

By paid Town Treasurer money for catalogues	.90	
" " " " fines	3 32	
		4.22
Due Library unexpended balance of Appropriations in the treasury		21.78
By total amount		$231.45

Errors Excepted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A.W.R. Prouty
George L. Wright
P.M. Brigham
F.M. Whitcomb
M.F. Kendall
} Trustees of the Public Library

Geo L Wright — Librarian

We the undersigned Select men of the town of Boylston do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Public Library and have compared the same with our own accounts and find that the amount of orders therein stated is correct

Ho. V. Woods
George R. Hastings
P.M. Brigham
} Selectmen of Boylston

A true copy Attest
Geo. L. Wright — Clerk of the Trustees

Proceedings of Trustees

For the year A.D. 1886 and ending February 20. A.D. 1887.

Board of Trustees

Mrs Mary S. Randall	for 5 years	term expires		1891
Alexander E. Purdy	4	"	"	1890
George S. Wright	3	"	"	1889
Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb	2	"	"	1888
Fanniman M. Brigham	1	"	"	1887

March 10th The Trustees met by the appointment of the Chairman on Wednesday P.M. March 10th
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Mrs Mary S. Randall was chosen at the annual meeting of the town held on the first day of this instant March as a member of the Board for the term of five years. To fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the Expiration of her former term of Service making the Board now stand as recorded above.
Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing Year and the Ballots were called for and brought in, resulted in the choice of
A. E. Purdy as Chairman
George S. Wright as Clerk.

George S. Wright was chosen Librarian

Voted that the regular meetings of the Board be held as follows to wit—

On the	1st Monday	May	1886
"	"	August 16th	"
"	"	November 15th	"
"	"	February 20th	1887

at such places and hours as the

Proceedings of Trustees March 1st 1886 (continued

chairman may appoint and provided that if any matter may arise at the time designated rendering it inconvenient or if there are other or more proper or suitable to hold the meeting the chairman shall be and is hereby authorized to change the time of meeting to such other time as he may deem best & expedient.

Voted that the Librarian's compensation be the same as last year, viz fifty dollars

The following bill was approved for payment, viz

To pay George L Wright for
Services as Librarian
from March 1885. to March 1886, $50.00

To pay Geo L Wright for extra
services Stationary Postage
Mucilage & Covering Books 18.50
Making Ten allotted sums of $68.50

The following resolution of respect to the memory of the late John B. Hough was adopted after which it was -

Voted that a copy thereof be spread upon our records and also transmitted to Mrs Hough and family.

Adjourned Subject to call of Chairman,

Attest Geo L Wright
Clerk of the Board

Proceedings of the Trustees for year 1886.

Resolutions of Respect.

In the matter of John B. Gough

died Feb 18th Resolved, that in the death of John B. Gough, this Board in common with the other citizens of this town mourns the loss of a distinguished and liberal-hearted citizen and a public benefactor whose interests in the Library was ever manifested by the many valuable donations of books which he was pleased from time to time to place upon its shelves, and we, hold in just appreciation his kindness and generosity and in lasting remembrance the life examples of his teaching and eloquence.

A. V. K. Crouty
George L. Wright
P. M. Brigham.
M. F. Kendall.

Trustees of the Public Library

By Geo. L. Wright
Clerk.

A true copy Attest

George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Communication to the Chairman of Trustees

Mch 25th

Dedham Mass March 22d 1886.

To the Chairman of Public Library

I beg leave to ask you whether our library was founded by taxation or by gift — how it is supported at present and whether the present management is elected by the people or by a corporation; Is the present management satisfactory to the citizens? Was any public library association united to it? If you will be kind enough to send me any printed discussion bearing on this subject I will gladly pay the expense. And how I shall be happy if you may make charges.

Your respectfully
N. J. Johnson

A. Copy attest
Geo L Wright
Clerk of the Trustees

Reply to above

Boylston Central Mass
March 25, 1886

To Rev R. J. Johnson
Dedham Mass.

In answer to your inquiries addressed to the Chairman of this Board, I will say in regard to the Boylston Public Library that it was founded as a free public town library in the year 1870, partially by gift and partially by donation — the Boylston Social Library founded in 1792 and which has held a continuous organization from that date gave their collection of 386 vols standard works as the basis of the Public Library — The town at its annual meeting in 1880 (March 1.) granted the sum of two hundred dollars & the Dog Fund refunded from the County Treasurer for dog licenses in all amounting to $216.00 for the purpose of establishing the Library and the understanding

1886

Communication to Trustees = from Rev R. J. Johnson

was further assisted by donations of books from various persons. When opened to the public Sept 4. 1880 the Library contained 1.110 vols the present number reaches nearly 2000 vols Prominent among the donors to the Library have been Hon Plinck as Ball ex-Mayor of the City of Worcester and relatives of the town John B. Gough - Miss Ellen Williams and others

The annual appropriation of the Dog Fund, Every year and occasionally an extra grant by Taxation has been given to the Library for the purchase of books while the incidental expenses are paid from the general Town funds as incurred The management and control of the Library is vested in a Board of five Trustees chosen for five years, one at each annual Town meeting, and a Librarian who is appointed by the Trustees. The management is as follows as each member is now serving for a re-elected term The Chairman, and Clerk of the Board who is also the Librarian having served on the Board continously since the organization of the Library

The Present Librarian has held that position and since the organization of the Library = None other than as noted above

We have no printed discussions bearing on the subject, Excepting a file of the Town Reports which include the Annual Report of the Library which cannot be spared from the shelves.

Trusting the above information may prove of some use to you

I am very respectfully &c

George L Wright

Librarian and Clerk of the Trustees

A Copy Attest

George L Wright Clerk

Return to U. S. Bureau of Education March 1886.

To the Bureau of Education
Department of Interior
U. S. Government

Return for the year
ending March 1886.

Inquiries respecting Libraries

Names of Library Boylston Public Library
Location Boylston Centre Worcester Co Mass.
Librarian or Secretary George L. Wright — Librarian
and also Clerk of the Board of Trustees
When founded — March 18th A.D. 1880
Free or Subscription — Free public library open to
all the inhabitants of the town of Boylston above
the age of fourteen years
Class. Free Town.
Number of volumes. 1977
Date
Signed George L. Wright Librarian
and Clerk of Trustees.

Note

The condition of work in this Office has rendered
impossible the handling of library statistics
before this date. My desire now is to put into
my annual report for 1884.85 as complete
a list of libraries as possible. To gether with
the statistics asked for above Please send
a copy of your last annual catalogue.
I shall be indebted for an early reply
John Eaton Commissioner.

A. Copy of Return
and Note thereon
Attest—
George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Communication to the Trustees from C. I. Longley

April 19th To G. L. Wright Librarian & Secretary of Trustees.
Sir — I have the first volume of Grants Memoirs which I will present to the Library if the Trustees will pay for the second volume of the work which will I expect be here this month the price will be three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) I see that the Northboro' Library have the first volume in their Library If you think the Trustees will do so please let me know at the earliest possible convenience, Yours in haste
C. I. Longley.

A Copy Attest
Geo L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

May 1st The Policy of Insurance on the Library and Fixtures placed in the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company for $800.00 Expired on Saturday May 1. A.D. 1886. The Library & fixtures have been re-insured by George A. Flagg Town Treasurer for the amount of $1500.00

May 17th The Trustees met present Mrs Prouty Brigham and Wright — and Mrs Kendall Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Librarian presented his Books for the Examination of the Trustees and made a verbal report of the circulation & condition of the Library for the quarter ending this date. Bills approved to pay for magazines It was voted to acknowledge and accept the donation of Charles I Longley as recorded above & and upon the conditions stated therein and that the Secretary be requested to notify him of this vote. Proceeded to the Selection of books for the Library and with

Proceedings of Trustees Continued

May 17. This matter pending voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman
Attest George L Wright Clerk

July 3rd Approved Bill to pay George L Wright for money advanced to pay C. I Longley for volume 2nd Personal Memoirs of Gen U.S. Grant $3.50
Also
To pay Sanford & Company Worcester Mass for Binding and Repairing Books as per Librarian's Account. $2.85
Attest George L Wright Clerk.

Aug At the quarterly meeting of the Trustees Present- Messrs Wright and Brigham and Mrs Whitcomb The matter of selection of Books for the Library was taken up and while this pending voted to adjourn to Saturday evening September 4th at 8 o'clock.
Attest George L Wright Clerk.

The Trustees met upon the adjournment
Present- Messrs Wright & Brigham absent
Mrs Kendall & Miss Whitcomb } At R Room
The matter of selecting books was resumed
Voted to leave the list in the hands of the Librarian for completion and that he fill up the list to the usual amount with such books as in his judgement are proper and that when the books are received from the publishers the Trustees be called to get together to examine and approve of said list
Voted the thanks of the Board to Mrs M J L Douglass Teacher in District No 1. for Photographs of Barker House at Pembroke presented to the Library.
Voted that the Librarian be instructed to renew subscriptions to magazines for the next year and that the numbers for present year be bound as soon as the year is completed
Adjourned Geo L Wright
Clerk of Trustees

Proceedings of the Trustees = November 15th 1886.

The Trustees met, present Messrs Ivory, Brigham and Wright - and Miss Whitcomb. The Board proceeded to make an examination of books to be added to the Library after which voted that the Librarian be instructed to make such arrangement for new shelving as may be necessary = Voted that the Librarian be instructed to add Harpers Young People to the list of magazines, also voted to procure the books arranged for the present year's reading in the Chautauqua course. So called Voted that the Librarian procure printed an additional supply of book-labels and 300 copies of supplementary catalogues of new books also that the list of books thus far uncatalogued be added to the supplement to large Catalogue now to be printed

The following bills were approved for payment

To pay Cobb Irwin Brothers of Boston

For 1 Blank Book for Recording delivery + return of books $1.75
Index to same .25
Paging same .15
In all as per bill $2.15

To pay E. B. Berry for one years subscription
to Scribners 1887 $3.60
" St Nicholas 1887 } as per bills 2.60 $6.20

To pay George L Wright - journey to Boston
purchasing books and services $3.00
To weightage .70 $3.70

Also to pay George L Wright - for money
paid Nathaniel S. Kendall for 1 set -
of Centennial Views of Boylston $1.50

Also to pay W Wolfe Fiske & Co for Books as per bill
viz Inventory

3 vols Boy Pioneers by Ellis	80	2 40
6 " Jack Hazard Series Trowbridge		4 80
1 Parnalee's Curse		66
1 Rear Guard of Revolution		1 00
1 Poverty Grass L. L. Wyman		50
1 Satinwood Box		83
1 Step Ladder		83

Carried forward

Proceedings of the Trustees Nov 15. 1866 Continued

$13.55

	By bills De Wolfe Fiske & Co Brought forward		
1	White Heron &c Sarah O. Jewett		83
1	Story U.S. Navy B. J Lossing		117
1	Old Parks Tavern.		67
1	Mary & Martha Washington		166
1	Fell in love with his Wife E P Roe		98
1	Lab		100
1	Nora Successful		66
1	Melinda's Opportunity		66
1	Lossings Field Book of Revolution 2 Vol		934
1	Days of Spinning Wheel & Homebrooks		33
1	Wind of Destiny		80
1	Nature's Serial Story E. P. Roe		98
1	Cross' Life George Eliot 3 Vols		150
1	Finest Fields John Burroughs		98
1	Marching On. A. S. Homer		67
1	Great Benefactors Sam'l A Drake		200
1	Roman Life in Days of Cicero		95
1	Jean Millet- Peasant & Painter		95
1	Family Flight Around Rome Hale		125
1	U. S. History of the Indians S. A Drake		200
1	Pepper & Salt for Young People		133
1	Mrs Lincoln's Cook Book		133
1	Down from Fact		95
1	Stillwater Tragedy		100
1	Down the Ravine		66
1	Long Old Road		100
1	White Nearleen		83
1	Century of Dishonor		100
2	Thomas W. Knox's Travels	2.00	400
5	Vols J. T. Trowbridge's Works	95	475
1	Bow Orange Ribbon		66
1	Silent Pete		66
2	Vols Mulock's Works	66	420
1	Life Nathaniel Hawthorne & Wife 2 Vol		333
1	Blue Jackets '61		190
1	Harpers Young People		234
1	Seaside Studies		195
1	Halfhours Best Authors		300
1	Robertson's Life & Letters		133

Carried forward

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library. 1886

	Brought forward		
1	Two College Girls		1 00
* 1	Silas Lapham		1 00
2	vols Merlock's works	60	1 20
1	Massacres of the Mountains		1 84
1	Two years in the jungles		2 67
4	vols Riverside pocket Edition	33	1 32
1	" Riverside Paper	"	33
1	Ancient Cities		83
2	vols Silver Medal Series	80	1 60
1	Madonna of the Inf.		98
1	Roland Blake		83
5	vols Honest Effen	80	4 00
1	Iron Crown		1 20
1	Round my House		1 33
1	Prudence Palfrey		98
1	Guardian Angel		1 33
1	Country Doctor		80
1	Professors Girls		84
			$101,00

Voted that the Librarian be authorized and
* instructed Exchange the Volume of Rise of Silas
Lapham by W.D. Howells for some other
work of Equal value as there is already
one volume of same work in the Library
Also Approved the following Orders & Bills
Paid Geo L. Wright for Journey to
Boston purchasing books & services $3,00
Cash paid for freight & cartage & carting books 70
Attest Geo L Wright Clerk. $3.70 $3 70

The Above mentioned volume entitled
Rise of Silas Lapham by W. D Howells
has in accordance with above vote been
Exchanged for Vol 9 of Register of Rural
Affairs by J. J. Thomas which volume,
completes the set as now published.
Attest Geo L Wright
Clerk of Trustees

Proceedings of the Trustees of Public Library February 21. 1887

The Trustees met on Monday Feby 21. 1887.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Trustees Voted to accept and acknowledge the donations made to the Library since the last meeting of the Trustees
Bills were reported and approved as follows.

Wm H Dickey for Book Pockets	$2.50
Geo L Wright — Expressage and Freightage	1.30
E. B Bery Subscription to Magazines	8.10
Sanford & Davis printing Labels	2.75
Sanford & Co Binding Magazines	4.00

The Accounts of the Librarian were then submitted and examined and found correct — and the sum of $4.55 — for Fines and Catalogues was acknowledged and receipts from Town Treasurer Exhibited for same
The Examination of the Library was then made and the following appraisal made to be given to the Selectmen
We the Subscribers Trustees of the Public Library hereby certify that We have appraised the Library and find the value of the same to be as for Books and other property belonging to the Library according to our best skill and judgement $2,100.00
Boylston February 21. 1887.

E. B. Bery
M. F. Kendall.
P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright

Trustees of the Library

The Library was found in a satisfactory condition
The Annual Report was then read by the Librarian and adopted and ordered to be printed with the Reports of the other Town Officers
After which it was voted to adjourn this meeting subject to the call of the Chairman if any business shall arise otherwise to stand adjourned until the new Organization in March next, Geo L. Wright, Clerk

Report of the Trustees and Librarian for the

Feby 21. The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 1887 The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library as reported February 20. 1886. 4,979 vols
Increase during the year By purchase 100
" Donations 60
" Binding 8
Total number of volumes in Library February 19. 1887 2,147

Circulation

Number of volumes delivered 3441
Highest no " " in any one day Apl 3 1886 91
Lowest " " " " " " May 29 1886 45
Average " " " each day 69
Number of Days the Library was open 50
" " Volumes repaired & rebound 11
" " Catalogues sold
" " Persons fined for detention and damage to Books. 26
" " Persons registered as using the Library Feb 24. 1886. 410
" " Persons registered during the year 29
Total " " " " to date 439

Monthly Circulation of Books

1886	Volumes
February 5	51 "
March	321 "
April	297 "
May	311 "
June	289 "
July	322 "
August	264 "
September	283 "
October	360 "
November	270 "

Carried forward

Library Year 1886 and Ending February 24th 1887

Brought forward		volumes
1886		
December	243	"
1887		"
January	354	"
February 5th	71	"
Total	3,441	volumes

During the past year Donations have been made to the Library as follows.

	Vols	Pamphlets
U. S Government		
West Boylston Public Library	2	
Northborough " "		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	21	1
Charles I. Longley	1	
Sumner Sampell, Northborough	7	
Horace Kendall, Worcester	1	
Sanford M. Kendall	1	1
Mrs. Lydia Winchester	7	
Mrs John B Gough	1	
Mc Donnell Bros Chicago Ill		1
Mr & Mrs F. N. Fletcher Lowell	16	13
Mrs John G. Warner		1
Sanford & Davis Worcester.		1
Mrs M J L de Gorgher Boston the picture		
Franklin P. Rice Worcester		1

The Classification of the books taken from the library and the comparative use, they are at evening remains nearly the same as was reported last year. The circulation of the Library for the different years since its Opening has been as follows.

For the year 1880	1,728	volumes
" 1881	4,371	"
" 1882	3,451	"
" 1883	3,024	"
" 1884	3,250	"
" 1885	3,339	"
" 1886	3,441	"
Total " circulation to date		"

Feby 21st The following periodicals have been subscribed for and regularly placed on the reading table viz Harpers' Illustrated Weekly, Harpers Monthly, The Century and St Nicholas Magazines and Harpers Young People, Other periodicals have been sold regularly and at times received from donors. The Trustees would respectfully return the grateful acknowledgements of the town to all who have so generously remembered the library with donations From the statistics present ed in this report — it will be seen that the circulation of the library for the past year has exceeded that of the previous year by over one hundred volumes and also that there has been a steady increase in the circulation during the last three years This fact alone is of importance and worthy of note in this report, It has been found in many public libraries that a decrease in the circulation of the books has taken place, after the first one or two years and when the novelty of the institution has worn away and it is especially gratifying to the Trustees to report the reverse as the case with our own library During the past year a library has been established by the Lawyers Mills Company for the use of the people at Lawyers Mills Village and the Trustees of the Public library would take this opportunity to congratulate the people of that section of the town upon the additional reading facilities which are thus afforded them and at the same time to express our earnest wishes for the prosperity of their library. With the rapidity growing Public library The Lawyers Mills library and the many valuable private collections of books the people of this town seem specially favored for beyond many towns of its size

for the year ending February 21st 1884 Continued

At the annual examination of the library just made the books and other property belonging to it were found in a satisfactory condition. The Trustees would however make the same general suggestions in respect to new and larger quarters as they presented in their last annual report, either by granting the use of the town room in the Town House or by the erection of a library building as soon as is practicable convenient for the town to do so.

While the last annual report of the Trustees was in the hands of the printers, the people of this community were shocked and saddened by the death of a distinguished citizen of this town John B. Young. Mr Young had ever taken a deep interest in the welfare of the library and very frequently had contributed valuable donations of books to its shelves, and the Trustees deemed it but just to place upon their records some slight testimonial of their appreciation of his generosity and works as well as regret at his sudden death therefore at their first meeting for re-organization at the beginning of the year the following resolutions was passed

Resolved that in the death of John B Young this Board in common with the other citizens of the town mourn the loss of a distinguished and liberal-hearted citizen and a public benefactor whose interest in the Public library was ever manifested by the many valuable donations of books which he was pleased from time to time to place upon its shelves, and we shall hold in just appreciation his kindness and generosity and in lasting remembrance the life example of his teaching and eloquence

Subjoined will be found the annual detailed account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the library. And in conclusion We feel that We shall greatly fail in the discharge of our duty if We did not recommend the the usual appropriation of the Dog Fund to its uses and ask the cooperation of the citizens of the town for its support and welfare.

Trustees Report February 21. 1887 Continued

Trustees of Public Library in account Current with the Town of Boylston for the year ending Feb 21. 1887

1886 Dr

To Balance of Appropriations in Town Treasury February 20. 1886 $21,78

" Amount of Fines in Treasury " " 3 32

" Amount due the Library Feb 20. 1886. $25,10

" " of Dog Fund appropriated to Library 135,05

" Cash drawn from Town Treasury to pay Contingent Expenses. $0,90

1887 " " Received of Librarian for fines & Catalogues 4,55

Feb 21 " Total Amount— $245 60

Per Contra Cr.

1886 By Cash paid Contingent Expenses. Mch 1. 40

" Geo. L. Wright Services as Librarian Mch 1. 85 to $50.00

" Geo L Wright Extra Services Covering— Books Labels Mucilage Stationary &c 18,50

" ~~Colburn Brothers~~ Journey to Boston Purchasing Books Expressage & Freightage 5 00

" Colburn Brothers. Reception Catalogue 2 15

" ~~Geo L Wright to pay N. L. Kendall for~~ Sanford & Davis printing labels 2 75

" W H Dickey Making Book-shelves 2 50

1887 By Amount Changed to Contingent Expenses $80,90

1886 By Cash paid on Book Account

" C. S. Longley for Volume 2 Grants Memoirs $3 50

Sanford & Co Binding Magazines 4 00

Sanford & Co Repairing Books 2 85

Nathaniel L Kendall Centennial Views 1 50

E. S. Perry Subscription to Magazines 14 30

Dr Wolfe Fiske & Co for Books 101 00

1887 Feb 21 By Total paid out on Orders Book Account $127,15

" Total paid on Orders. $208.05

Cash paid Town Treasurer fines & Catalogues 4 55

" unexpended in hands of Trustees 1,80

" Due Library unexpended balance of Appropriations in the Treasury 31 20

By Total Amount— $245 60

Errors Excepted—

Trustees Report February 21. 1887 Continued

All of which is respectfully submitted

A.O.R. Prouty
George L. Wright
M.F. Kendall
P. M. Brigham
F. M. Whitcomb
} Trustees of Public Library

George L Wright Librarian

We the undersigned Selectmen of Boylston Certify that We have Examined the Accounts of the Trustees of the Public Library and have compared the same with our own accounts and find that the amount of orders therein stated is correct.

H. R. Hastings
P. M. Brigham
J. N. Ball
} Selectmen of Boylston

A true record of the proceedings of the Trustees for the year 1886, and ending Feb 21. 1887

Attest—

George Lawson Wright
Clerk of the Board

1887

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library

Board of Trustees

Penniman M. Brigham	for 5	years	term	expires	1892
Mrs M. F. Kendall	" 4	"	"	"	1891
Alexander C. R. Prouty	" 3	"	"	"	1890
George L. Wright	" 2	"	"	"	1889
Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb	" 1	"	"	"	1888

March At the annual town meeting held on the 8th Seventh day of March instant the amount of the Dog Fund which is #148.83 One hundred and forty-eight dollars and Eighty-three Cents, was appropriated to the uses of the Public Library

Penniman M. Brigham was elected by ballot as a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years and the Board now stands as re-organized as above.

Amount of appropriations and funds the Library for ensuing year is as follows,

Amount of Dog Fund	#148.83
Unexpended Balance in hands of Trustees	1.80
In town Treasury Fines #4.55- 60 cts for Catalogues =	3.95-
Balance of appropriations and Fines due Library	31.20
Total amount	#185.78

The Trustees met. present full Board the records of last 14th Mch Meeting were read and approved. The Board proceeded to organize for the ensuing year and

A. R. Prouty was chosen Chairman.

George L Wright was chosen Secretary

George L Wright, was chosen Librarian

Voted that the regular meetings of the Board be held on the third Mondays of May, August and November, and with the annual meeting on the 2nd day of February makes the dates of the regular Meetings for the year as follows.

On Monday May 16, 1887.

" " August 15, 1887

" " November 14, 1887

for the Year ending March 1. 1888, (March 14. 1887 Continued)

Mch 14th Could

On Monday February 21 1887.

At such places and newspapers the Chairman may designate.

Voted that if any thing should happen rendering it inconvenient for the Board to meet or if the weather should be unfavorable to hold the meeting at the time appointed the Chairman be authorized to appoint some other time or place for the meeting

Voted, that the compensation of the Librarian be the same as it was last year, viz Fifty Dollars.

Bills Approved for Payment,

The following bills were approved for payment viz

To pay George L. Wright for services as Librarian for year ending March 1st 1887 - $50.00

To pay George L Wright for extra services covering Books Repairing Binding Stationary Postage & Car-Fare to Worcester 18.17

To pay Sanford & Davis printing 300 Catalogues of New Books 8.92

To pay E. B. Berry for Blank Book for Daily Record of Books delivered .40

Total Amount of Orders Approved at this meeting $77.49

Voted to return the Acknowledgements of the Trustees for all donations made to the Library since the last meeting of the Board

Then Adjourned subject to call of the Chairman if any business shall arise otherwise to the quarterly meeting in May next It being understood that the members of the Board shall bring in lists of new books to be added to the Library at the next meeting,

Attest George L. Wright Clerk of the Board

1887

Proceedings of the Trustees of the Public Library for

May 16th The Trustees met on Monday, May 16, 1887
The minutes of last meeting were read & approved
The Librarian presented for statement of books
delivered for the Quarter ending May 14th as follows

Number of volumes delivered to February 26	45
" " " " Month of March	249
" " " " " " April	343
" " " " " May to date	137
Total " " " for Quarter now ending	774
Largest no delivered in any one day April 9	79
Smallest " " " " Feb 26	45
Average Number delivered each day	65

Magazines Rebound & Repaired Books &
Bills Approved for Payment
To pay Sanford & Company for Binding Magazines $4.75
The Trustees took up the matter of replenishing
the Library and proceeded to select books
and while this pending it was voted to
adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman
Each member to bring in a further list of
books the Librarian meanwhile to make
a full list of the books brought in at this time
and obtain the prices of the same and report
on the adjournment of this meeting. The Librarian
presented a communication from Lieut W. H.
Beecher U. S. Navy in regard to work entitled
'The Cruises of U. S. S. Brooklyn' and published
by him and it was voted that the Librarian
be authorized to send for above named book
for examination subject to terms Expressed in
said letter and if the examination is satis-
factory to procure it for the Library. It was
also Suggested to add to the list of reference
books and periodicals and then voted to
adjourn pursuant to above recorded vote

Attest-
George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

the year ending March 1st A.D. 1888,

Copy of Communication Received from Lieut W. H. Beehler of U.S. Navy, & referred to in foregoing Minutes of May 16th

Office of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department Washington May 14. 1887.

Dear Sir. I respectfully request permission to send a copy of my book, The Cruise of the Brooklyn for examination with a view to its purchase. I offer to send it if decide not to buy it I will send the postage for its return It is a handsome illustrated volume of 340 pages It contains a narative of the 3 years cruise of the U.S.S. Brooklyn in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans and chiefly the most recent and reliable information about countries and places visited in South America, South Africa Zanzibar Madagascar, St-Helena &c. It is considered excellent Prof Melvile Dewey Columbia College N.Y bought one & wrote that he valued it highly. The Navy Department bought 50 copies & issues them to our Cruisers as the most reliable information about countries and places visited in this Cruise The Army post libraries & most of the leading libraries in the country & some in England and Australia have bought copies. I refer to reviews in N.Y Nation March 5/85 -N.Y Critic July 18/85 Lippincotts Magazine August 1885 It is not for sale by the general book trade because I can not make any discount on its price which is $3.00 per copy to all. Book sellers have however bought many single copies for which they paid me $3.00 per copy. It is not stereotyped & as I have only a very few copies left- this is the only opportunity to get one. I offer to send it free of Expense because otherwise you are not likely to see a copy of it, You will incur no obligation to buy it nor any expense by examining it as I assume all the risks and defray all postal Expenses, Please answer and oblige Yours Very respectfully
W. H. Beehler, Lieutenant U.S. Navy —

A Copy Attest George L Wright
Clerk of Trustees,

Copy of Communication received by the Librarian from Mrs Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester Mass.

Worcester May 21. 1887
No 36 Chatham St

Mr Wright

Dear Sir. I have a few books which my husband wished to give to the Boy Mon Library they are not very valuable but if you would like them will you please call as soon as convenient and take them

Yours L. B. Kendall

The above communication was replied to by the Librarian. And the matter attended to personally by Mr P. M. Brigham of the Board of Trustees who received from the Estate of Mrs Kendall and placed in the Library the following volumes, viz

History of Lexington Mass.	Charles Hudson	1 Vol
Lexington Memorials		" "
Travels in Central America	Stephens	2 "
Sweet Home		1 "
Endeavours of the Christian Life	H. Martineau	1 "
Fruits of Endeavors " "	John W. Aroot	1 "
Natural Goodness		1 "
Bereaved Parents Consoled	Tyrrell	1 "
Scotts Lessons		1 "
Beyond the Mississippi	A. D. Richardson	1 "
Patent Office Reports 1861		1 "
Smithsonian Institution Report 1862		1 "
Mass Board Education 3oth Report		1 "
Cotton Kingdom	F. L. Olmstead	2 "
Life & Services	J. C. Fremont	1 "
Heroines of Missionary Enterprise		1 "
Smiths Key to Revelations		1 "
Mirror of the Soul		1 "
Horace & Theocritus	Translated	2 "
Memoirs of Rev Mr Judson		2 "
Imitation of Christ	Thomas A Kempis	1 "

List of Books Received from Hon S. M. Kendall's Est

Continued

United States Blue Book		1 Vol
Sermons for the New Life	Bushnell	1 "
History of United States	Hale.	1 "
Up and Be Doing		1 "
Shady Side of Parish Life		1 "
Acts of Apostles, in Greek with Notes		1 "
Greek Testament		1 "
Rider's Guide to Keeping Bees		1 "
Mayhock's Catholic Bible		1 "
Life of John Hawkins		1 "

Attest Geo L Wright Clerk of Trustees

Copy of a Communication Received by the Librarian from Miss Hannah E. Bigelow, M.D. of Marlborough in Massachusetts,

Marlborough July 12 1887

To the Librarian of the Boylston Public Library.

I wish to make some inquiries about the Library My mother was a native of Boylston Priscilla Hastings - daughter of Ephraim and Achsah Hastings. After marriage Mrs. Levi Bigelow of Berlin and Then of Marlborough where she died, for her sake and in her name I would like to give something to the Library either in money or in books as may be best - For this purpose I would like to meet some one interested in the Library I like the ride to Boylston and Will ride up some Sunday this Summer if you Think I could see some of the Trustees on that day I wrote to Miss Fannie Whitcomb in June but have received no answer. I am going away for the Fall Yours truly - Miss Hannah E. Bigelow

No 191 Lincoln Street Marlboro' Mass.

Attest George L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Reply to Above Letter

Boylston Centre Mass July 16 1887

Miss Hannah E. Bigelow

Marlborough Mass

Your letter of 12th inst came to hand last evening and in reply I will

—1887—

Reply to Letter from Miss Hannah E. Bigelow, M.D.

July Say that anything which you may be pleased
Will to do for the benefit of the Library and for
the sake of your late mother and in her
Name will be most gladly received and
appreciated by the Trustees of the Library
and the Town. I have laid your letter
before Mr A.D.R. Prouty chairman of the
Board of Trustees and it will be formally
presented to the Trustees at a meeting to
be held sometime during the coming week
Herewith I send copy of last Library Report—
Very Respectfully Geo L Wright—
Librarian & Clerk of the Trustees of
Boylston Public Library

Copy of Letter from Miss Hannah E. Bigelow

Marlboro' July 20. 1887

George L Wright Esq— Dear Sir— Yours received to day
Thanks for the answer and reports— I can not come
now until the first week in August I do not think
that it will be necessary for me to meet the Board of
Trustees only one or two and if I could see a catalogue
of your Library. Perhaps your Library is like that in
Marlboro' poorly catalogued I am one of the Trustees
of the Marlboro Library and if the question was asked
us What books are needed to-day? We should be obliged
to answer Reference Books of the latest Editions, Your town
is different from Marlboro' we are obliged to spend most
of our money for fiction. The demand for that is great
in Marlboro' also a supply of Juvenile Books is less than
the demand. I said Books or Money for this reason I
am collecting for my own Library my cousin E. L.
Bigelow buys at the auction sales of Books in Boston
& New York & that we get very nice books for a low price
During the past year I have bought some books think-
ing of the Boylston Library but they are what in our
Library would be Text books not to be taken from
the Library is most of them. I enclose a list of the books
probably some are duplicates of those you have if so I will
give their equivalent in money I intend giving in Book
or Money about $150.00— Yours Respectfully. Hannah E. Bigelow

Donation of Miss Hannah E Bigelow . M. D:

The Trustees have received the following list of Books from Miss Hannah E. Bigelow M.D. of Marlborough Mass the said donation to be in remembrance of her mother Abigail Hastings daughter of Ephraim and Achsah Hastings and wife of Levi Bigelow Esq of Berlin afterwards of Marlborough
— Born in Boylston
Died in Marlborough

List of the Books Donated.

English Poets — one vol
Picturesque America. William Cullen Bryant Ivo "
Poet and Painter. D. Appleton & Co N.Y — One "
The Rhine Illustrated. Translated by G.C.T. Bartley from German of Karl Stieler H. Wachenhusen &c F. W. Hackländer - Pub by Virtue & Co London one vol
Venice, Its History Art Industries & Modern Life by Charles Yriarte from the French by W. J. Sitwell one vol
Milton's Paradise Lost - illustrated by Gustave Doré published by Cassell & Co limited N.Y one vol
Women of the Frontier — one vol
Beacon Lights of History 5 vols — Lord
Atlantic Monthly — Two vols.
Washington Irving's Works. — Three vols
The Art Journal.
Don Quixote De la Mancha — One vol
Illustrated by Gustave Doré
Library of English Literature by W. Hood 4 one vol
Songes Words in English Poetry & Prose " " "
Fireside Encyclopaedia of Poetry
Household Book of Poetry
A Week on Concord & Merrimack H. Thoreau

Proceedings of the Trustees August 22, 1887

Aug 22, The Trustees met on Monday August 22nd 1887
Present A.D.R. Prouty chairman Geo L Wright P.M. Brigham and Miss F M Whitcomb, The records of the last meeting were read and approved, The Librarian submitted his quarterly Statement as follows. Number of volumes delivered
Smallest number for any one day July 2nd
Largest number for any one day July 13th
Average number each day
Bills Approved for Payment viz.
To pay C. B. Eaton & Co for ½ Ream of Printing Paper 30 lbs at 9 cents $2.70
Sanford Davis printing cards & Labels 3.75
Geo L Wright — Postage stamps Envelopes & Postals 1.33
Sundry Worcester P.O. Expressages 38 $8.13

Donations were acknowledged from the Estate of Dea Sanford M. Kendall of Worcester as recorded on Pages 184 and 185 of this book, also from Miss Hannah E. Bigelow M.D. of Marlborough Mass as recorded on Pages 185, 186 and 187 of this book and the following resolution of thanks was passed therefore

Resolution of thanks to Miss H. E. Bigelow
Whereas Miss Hannah E. Bigelow M.D. of Marlborough Mass has been pleased to express her interest in the Town by a generous donation of Books and Money to the Public Library as testimonials to the memory of her mother Abigail Hastings daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Hastings of Boylston and wife of Levi Bigelow Esq of Marlborough
Therefore
Resolved by the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library at their regular meeting held on the 22d day of August A.D. 1887 that the thanks of the Board of Trustees and through them the acknowledgements of the Town be returned to Miss Bigelow for her

Proceedings of Trustees August 22nd 1887 Continued

Aug 22 Cont'd

Generous donation. And that the Librarian be and hereby is ordered to label said books with the name of the donor and purposes for which they are given, and that the money accompanying the books be devoted to the purchase of works of reference and valuable works similiar to those given or such other disposition be made of it as she may direct. And that the books and such others as may be added with said money be placed together on the library shelves and at such time as the convenience of the Library-Room will allow be placed in a separate case or alcove to properly inscribed & known as the Mrs Levi Bigelow Alcove of Reference

The Clerk of the Board was ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to Miss Bigelow and also to spread the same on the records of the Board

Voted that the money received from Miss Bigelow be placed in the Town Treasury to be held subject to the order of the Trustees and in accordance with Article II of the By Laws of the Town governing the Library

The matter of selecting books for the Library was then taken up and with this pending voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman

A true record
Attest

George L Wright
Clerk of the Trustees of the
Boylston Public Library

1887

Receipt of Town Treasurer to Trustees,

Aug 30, Received of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library the sum of Seventy-five Dollars, the same being in a check of Near-amount on the First National Bank of Marlborough Mass, signed by Hannah E. Bigelow and dated August 15th 1887 and payable to the order of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library The said amount being a part of a donation made by the said Hannah E. Bigelow, for the benefit of said Library and as a testimonial to the memory of her late mother Abigail Bigelow wife of Levi Bigelow Esq late of Marlboro' and daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Hastings of Boylston, The said Amount to be held in the Town Treasury subject to the order of the Trustees of the Library and in accordance with Article 13. of the By Laws of the Town of Boylston governing the Public Library—

Dated at Boylston this 30th day of August. A. D. 1887—

Signed

I. H. Lane } Treasurer of the Town of Boylston

Attest
George L Wright
Clerk of the Trustees
of the Public Library

Memorandum September 27th 1887

The acknowledgement of the foregoing donation was duly returned to Miss Hannah E. Bigelow, M.D. pursuant to the vote recorded on page 189. And the following communication received in reply.

Marlboro. Sept 26 87

Mr Wright

Received your letter and contents last Friday. I am pleased with the disposition made of the books it is more than I had expected In regard to the money sent I prefer leaving the manner of spending it to the Trustees. You know the needs of your town better than I do.

Yours respectfully

H. E. Bigelow

A. Copy Attest Geo L Wright
Clerk of the Trustees

To the Selectmen of Boylston, I hereby certify that pursuant to orders from the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston I have deposited with B. C. Lane Town Treasurer the sum of $75.00 to be held by said Treasurer or his successors in said office pursuant to the By Laws of the Town governing the Public Library for the benefit of said Library The same being a donation to the Library from Hannah E Bigelow M D of Marlboro Mass. And is to be paid to the Trustees as required on the orders of the Selectmen

For the Trustees of the Public Library

George L Wright Clerk of the Board

1887

U. S. Library Return for year ending June 30th 1887

U.S. Bureau of Education
Washington D.C. October 1887

Dear Sir

In answering my inquiry respecting libraries sent herewith or heretofore please advise whether yours is a public library in the sense that it is supported in whole or in part by State, county or municipal appropriations or merely in the sense that it is open to the public. Respectfully

N. H. R Dawson
Commissioner

This inquiry was sent October 14. 1887.
Inquiry by the United States Commissioner of Education Respecting Libraries
Reply for the year ending June 30. 1887

1 Name of Library, Boylston Public Library
2 P.O. Address. Boylston Centre. Worcester Co. Mass
3 Librarian + Secretary. George L. Wright
4 When Founded. March 1. 1880
5 Free or Subscription; Free Public supported by Town appropriation
6 Number of volumes June 30 1887 2155
7 " " " added during past year 178
8 Income for the past year
From productive funds.
" gifts and bequests excluding endowments of previous years.
From other sources. $ 283 00
Date October 1887 $ 283,00

George L Wright
Librarian + Secretary

Doings of Meetings held November 21st 1887

At the time appointed for the regular meeting of the Trustees in November a quorum was not present and no business was transacted and the meeting was adjourned to the call of the chairman.

Attest George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

Letter Received from Hon H. S. Nourse, Lancaster

South Lancaster Mass November 12, '87

Dear Sir— I see that the proceedings of the Centennial Celebration of Boylston have been published in book form The Lancaster Library would be glad to send you in exchange for the book a copy of the "Early Records of Lancaster" a volume of 364 pages 8vo sold at $2.50. If you desire to make the exchange in behalf of the Boylston Library please notify me at above address and I will send the "Records" to such address as you may designate.

Yours truly Henry S. Nourse,
for Trustees of Lancaster Library

To the Trustees of Boylston Library
or the Town clerk of Boylston

Boylston Nov 28. 1887 Pursuant to the call of the Chairman the Trustees met. Present P. M. Brigham and George L Wright. A quorum not being present no business could be transacted and it was voted to adjourn to meet on Saturday Dec 3. 1887 at one o'clock in the afternoon at the Library

Attest
George L Wright Clerk of the Trustees

1887

Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees

At a meeting of the Trustees held in pursuance to the foregoing adjournment on Saturday December 3. 1887 The following members were present. A. V. R. Prouty chairman George I Wright- P. M. Brigham and Mrs M. F. Kendall The records of the Board to date were read and approved - The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement which was accepted by vote and is as follows viz

Librarians Statement

for the quarter ending November 14. 1887

No of Days the Library was open	14
" " volumes delivered	752
Largest no delivered any one day	
" was August 27	76
Smallest " " " October 1.	42
Average " Each Day	68
No of Names registered	
" " " to date	449

Donations have been received as follows Mrs Rev Andrew Bigelow D D of Southboro Two copies Boylston Centennial Hon Rhinehas Ball Worcester 15 volumes American Statesmen Series, Hon George F Hoar U. S. Senator 21 volumes U. S Agricultural and Educational Reports. U S. Government one volume Report on Navigation Hon Henry B Peirce Secretary of Commonwealth one volume viz The Trial of Thomas W. Pjier for Murder Mass 1875 Published by Order of the State Rev Israel Swisworth one pamphlet viz Boylston Church a Historical Sermon preached on the Sunday Evening Aug 15. 1887 before the Centennial of the Town Observed on the following Wednesday Mavericke National Bank Boston one volume making in all 49 vols + 1 pamphlet

Geo I Wright - Librarian

held December 3rd 1887

a vote was then passed acknowledging in the name of the town all donations made to the Library as per foregoing report.
On Motion of George L Wright—
and seconded by P. M. Brigham
voted that the Trustees gratefully accept the proposition of Mrs Nancy J. Bigelow of Southborough, widow of the late Rev Andrew Bigelow of Southborough Mass formerly pastor of the Church in Boylston to be at expense of furnishing and preparing a suitable metallic box or case in which shall be collected and placed under the direction of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library all documents Photographs and other matters relating to the history of the first century of the Town's existence and the Centennial Observance of the same held on the 18th day of August A.D. 1886. and which shall when so arranged be hermetically sealed and deposited in the Inhabitants of the Town of Boylston to be opened on the occasion of the Bicentennial Celebration of the town in A. D. 1986, and also voted that the Chairman and Clerk of this Board be requested to confer with Mrs Bigelow in regard to carrying this matter into Effect.
On Motion of P. M. Brigham
Voted to accept of the proposition of the Trustees of the Lancaster Public Library as contained in the letter of Hon H. S. Nourse recorded on page 193 and that the Librarian be requested to make the Exchange by procuring and forwarding to the Trustees of the Lancaster Library a copy of the "Boylston Centennial"
voted that the Librarian be instructed to procure an additional Album for the Photographs of citizens of the town

Proceedings of the Trustees Dec 3. 1877 Continued

Voted that the Librarian be instructed procure new shelves or take such action relating thereto as he deem necessary
On Motion and Seconded
Voted to renew the subscriptions to the following Magazines viz
The Century
Harpers monthly
" Weekly
" Young People
St Nicholas also to add to this list viz
Country Gentleman
Mide Awake
Our Dumb Animals
The list of books for additions to the Library was then made up and the Librarian authorized to purchase the same in accordance with the usual customs of the Trustees
Adjourned
Attest George L Wright Clerk of the Board

We the undersigned Trustees of Boylston Public Library have this day approved the following bill To pay D. Wolfe Tucker the Boston Mass for Books as follows.

Through Yellowstone Park	1 00
The Little Master	80
3 vols Great River Series	2 49
3 vols Log Cabin Series	2 40
1 Sound Medicine	82
1 Europe in Storm and Calm	3 38
1 Gates Between	82
1 Jack the Fisherman	33
1 Making of Great West	1 17
1 Earth Trembled. E P Roe.	95
1 Blue Jackets of 1812. Abbott	1 90
1 Ladies of the White House	2 34
1 Volunteer Soldier; John A Logan	2 62
1 Yesterdays with Actors	1 33

Bill of De Wolfe Fiske & Co for Books Continued

1	Half Century in Salem Mass	66
1	Dr Channings Note Book	66
1	Souveniers of My Times	95
1	Fair God Lew Wallace	95
1	How Shall my Child be Taught	95
1	Millionaire of Rough & Ready	66
1	Snow Bound	66
1	Squire of Sandal Side	65
1	Our New Alaska	1 00
1	Picturesque Washington	1 25
1	Natural Law in Spiritual World	66
1	Roba Di Roma 2 vols.	1 65
1	Their Pilgrimage C D. Warner	1 32
1	Marjorie Daw	98
1	Unell Titus	66
1	Bar Harbor Days	66
1	Behind the Blue Ridge	82
1	Judith	66
1	One of the Duanes	
1	Shay Jacks in Camp, Barrons	
1	Princess of Java	
1	Button's Inn	
1	Jean Slyotish	
1	Eighty-seven Pansy	
1	100 Days in Europe O.W. Holmes	
1	Boy Travellers on the Congo	
1	Gretchen	
1	Border Shepherdess	
1	Silver Rays	
1	Drum Beat of Nation	
1	Dore's Bible Gallery	
1	A Crippled Robin	
1	Crisis of Missions	
1	No	
1	The Gillet's 6 vols	
1	From Forecastle to Cabin	
1	Century of Electricity	
1	Forced Acquaintances	
1	Seth	

Bills of De Wolfe, Fiske & Co 2nd Houghton Mifflin & Co, for Books.

1	In the Clouds	82
"	Viking Bodleys	90
"	Boston Girls Ambition	98
"	The Normans.	98
"	Talks about Law.	132
"	Two Gentlemen of Boston	98
"	Elsie Venner	132
"	Between Whiles	82
"	Building the Nation	190
"	The Congo 2 Vols	650
"	The Dark Continent 2 Vols	600
"	Credo	66
"	The Story of Rasmus.	83
"	The Pigeon Pie	66
"	His Own Fault	80
"	Root Bound	66
"	Photograph Album	325-67
"	Old New England Days.	84
"	Old Man Ellis Secret.	84
"	Foxwood Boys	67
		$92.17

To pay Houghton Mifflin & Co Boston for 3 vols of Justin Winsor's Narrative and Critical History of America
American sheep 6.50 $32.50

Copy.

We the undersigned Trustees of Boylston Public Library hereby approve of the purchase of Justin Winsor's Narrative and Critical History of America.

A. V. R. Prouty
Geo L Wright
F. M. Whitcomb
P. M. Brigham

A Copy Attest
Geo L Wright Clerk

Proceedings of Trustees February 20, 1888.

The Trustees met on Monday Feb 20, 1888.
Present- A. V. R. Prouty. Geo L Wright- P M. Brigham and Miss F. M. Whitcomb
Records read & approved.
The annual appraisal made as follows.

Proceedings of Trustees February 20th 1888. Cont'd

We the undersigned Trustees of Boylston Public Library have this day appraised the Library and find the value of the books and other property to be $2,275.00
Boylston Feb. 20. 1888.

George L. Wright — } Trustees of Public Library

The examination of the Library was then made and the books and other property belonging to the Library was found in a satisfactory condition

The annual report as prepared by the Librarian was presented read and adopted and the same was ordered to be printed with the reports of the other town officers

Acknowledgement was made for all donations made to the Library since the last meeting of the Board.

The Librarian stated that he had exchanged one volume of Proceedings of Centennial Celebration of Boylston August 18, 1886. procured from Mr N. L. Rendall with the Public Library of the City of Worcester for Copy of Proceedings of 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Worcester

Several bills as recorded in the Accounts were presented and thereafter were approved.

No further business,

And adjourned subject to call of Chairman Should any business arise otherwise Sine-die,

Geo L. Wright Clerk.

Annual Report of the Trustees and Librarian

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 20, 1888,
which following statistics will show the Circulation and condition of the Library

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library Feb 20, 1887, 2147
Increase during the year,

By purchase	89	
" donation	123	
Total number of volumes in Library Feb 20, 1888		2350

Circulation

Number of volumes delivered		3008
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day (Nov 26, 1887)		82
Lowest number " " " " (Oct 1,)		41
Average number " " "		60
Number of days the Library was open		50
" " volumes repaired & rebound		11
" persons registered as users of the Library Feb 21, 1887		439
" " " registered for the year		
Total " " " " to date.		

Monthly Circulation of Books

1887	February 27.	45	volumes
"	March	249	
"	April	343	
"	May	240	
"	June	236	
"	July	266	
"	August	246	
"	September	242	
"	October	292	
"	November	237	
"	December	288	
1888	January	277	
"	February 4.	57	
		3008	Volumes

Total circulation

for the Year Ending February 20. A. D. 1888.

The classification of the books taken from the Library and the Comparative use day and Evening remains nearly the same as last Year The Circulation of the Library for the different years since the Opening of the Library has been as follows.

For the Year	1880	1.728	Volumes
" "	1881	4.371	"
" "	1882	3451	"
" "	1883	3024	"
" "	1884	3250	"
" "	1885	3339	"
" "	1886	3441	"
" "	1887	3008	"
Total Circulation to date.		25.619	"

During the past year Donations Have been made to the Library as follows.

	Books	Pamphs
A. P. Longley. Marlborough	3	———
"A friend"	1	———
Estate of Dea Sanford M. Kendall	37	———
Miss Hannah E. Bigelow Marlborough	30	2
Mrs Rev. Andrew Bigelow D.D. Southborough	2	———
Hon Phineas Bail. Worcester.	15	———
Lancaster Public Library	1	———
Worcester Free Public Library	1	———
Hon George F. Hoar.	24	———
U.S. Dept- Interior	1	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	14	2
Rev Israel Ainsworth	———	1
Maverick National Bank Boston	1	———

The following periodicals have been taken during the past year viz Harpers Monthly Magazine, Harpers Young People, Harpers Illustrated Weekly, The Century. St. Nicholas and the Country Gentleman, Other magazines have been placed on the subscription list- in addition to the above for the coming year other papers reviews etc have also been received

from donors All of these are extensively referred and consulted at the reading table and afterwards taken from the Library by many who do not have the time or do not wish to be bothered and have thus proved of great benefit to the usefulness of the library As fast as the volumes of papers and magazines are completed they are bound into permanent form and become valuable accessions to the library shelves. During the month of August the Trustees received a communication from Miss Hannah F. Bigelow, M.D. of Marlborough donating thirty volumes of costly and valuable works of reference embracing illustrated volumes of travel history poetry and art together with a check of seventy-five dollars (all amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars, which donation was in remembrance of her mother Abigail Hastings daughter of Ephraim and Abigail Hastings of Weybridge and wife of the late Seth Bigelow Esq of Marlborough) appropriate resolutions were returned to Miss Bigelow in acknowledgement for the donation and by vote of the Trustees the books were designated as a separate department of the library and the check was deposited with the Town Treasurer subject to the order of the Trustees to be used in making additions to this collection of books and at such time as the convenience of the library room will allow the books will be placed in separate cases and properly inscribed with the name of the donor and the purposes for which they were given. A donation of fifteen volumes of the American Statesmen Series was presented by Hon Phineas Ball ex-mayor of Worcester whose uncle a native of this his native town has heretofore been—

frequently attested by other valuable donations
Thirty-nine volumes were received from
the estate of Dea Samuel M. Randall of
Worcester also a native of the town and
two volumes from Mrs Nancy J. Bigelow of
Southborough, widow of the late Rev Andrew
Bigelow D. D. a former honored and
Esteemed minister of Boylston. To all who
have so generously remembered the library
with donations and especially to those noted
above the Trustees would return the grateful
acknowledgements of the town.
A valuable addition to the historical collection
of the library has been procured during the
past year in the work entitled "The Narrative
and Critical History of America" Edited by
Justin Winsor Librarian of Harvard University
and assisted by the most eminent historical
and scholars of our country and which
when completed will prove one of the best—
Contributions to American history.
At the annual examination of the library the
books and other property belonging thereto were found in a
satisfactory condition; The Trustees would
respectfully make urgent request for better
and more commodious accomodations
for the library and would ask that this
matter receive the attention of the town as
soon as its financial condition will permit
In connection herewith your Trustees realize
the importance of strict economy in the
administration of all town affairs and
feel that expenditures should be as small
as possible while taxes are burdensome
Still the aim should be to supply legitimate
wants and the present insufficient accomo-
dations of the library seriously curtail and
hinder the beneficial results of the institution
In conclusion it is gratifying to this Board
to review the remarkable growth of this library

Annual Report of the Trustees and Librarian for

the pleasure of bro homburn are to be found upon its shelves. the purest interest which has been manifested by the citizens of the town and the invaluable benefit of the Library upon the moral and intellectual standard of its people, Boylston has a public Library which in view of its population possess but few equals but the duty devolves upon the Trustees annually to ask the consideration of the town that its growth in the future may be carefully fostered and its priceless opportunities and privileges justly and fully enjoyed and appreciated throughout the community.

Subjoined will be found the annual detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Library and your Trustees would respectfully recommend the usual appropriation of the "Dog Fund" to its uses.

Trustees of Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending February 20, 1888.

Dr.

To Balance of appropriations in town treasury February 21, 1887	$ 31.20	
To fines in treasury " " "	3.95	
" Amount in town treasury due Library Feb. 21, 1887.		$ 35.15
" Unexpended balance of fines in hands of Trustees Feb 21, 1887		1.80
" Amount of Dog Fund appropriated to Library		148.83
" Cash drawn from town treasury to pay Contingent Expenses		90.55
" Cash received of Miss H. E. Bigelow and paid into town treasury donation to Library		75.00
To Cash of Librarian fines & Catalogues		1.54
To Balance amount Feb 20, 1888.		$352.87

years ending February 20, 1888. Concluded.

Per contra. Cr.

1887 By Cash paid contingent expenses.
George L. Wright services as
Librarian from Mar 1. 1886 to Mar 1. 87 $50.00
" " Extra services. Covering
books stationary & music bags 18.17
Sanford & Davis printing 300
supplementary Catalogues 8.92
E. B. Berry. blank book 40
C. B. Eaton & Co Jeans Covering paper 2.70
Sanford & Davis printing
Labels and Cards 3.75
Geo L. Wright for Cash paid
Expressage & Journey to Boston
purchasing Books. 6.61
1888 By Amount paid Contingent Expenses $90.55
By Cash paid on Book Account —.
N. H. Beckler 1 vol Cruises U. S. S
Brooklyn & postage on same $3.13
Sanford & Co binding books
and magazines 5.65
Nathaniel L. Kendall, 2 Copies of
Boylston Centennial for exchange
with other Libraries 2.00
E. B. Berry subscriptions to magazines 16.60
De Wolfe Fiske & Co Books as per bill 92.17
Hough ton Mifflin & Co " " " 32.50
1888 By Amount charged to Book Account $152.05
Feb 20 " Total Amount paid out $242.60
" " " paid Town Treasurer fines & Catalogues 1.54
" " " Cash due Library unexpended balance
of fines & Appropriations in Town treasury 33.73
" " Amount of fund of Hannah E. Bigelow in
Town Treasury 75.00
By Total Amount $352.87

Errors Excepted, All of which is respectfully Submitted

Geo L Wright
Librarian,

A. V. R Prouty
George L Wright
P. M Brigham
J. M. Whitcomb
M. F. Kendall
} Trustees of Public Library

1887-88

Trustees Records &c Year ending March 1, 1888 Concluded

We the undersigned Selectmen of Boylston
do hereby certify that we have examined the accounts
of the Trustees of the Public Library and
find the amount of orders thereon stated
to be correct.
Boylston February 22, 1888,

G. K. Hastings,
P. M. Brigham
J. K. Ball,
} Selectmen of Boylston

A true Copy Attest
Geo L. Wright
Clerk of the Trustees

I hereby certify that the foregoing records
reports &c. are true and correct transcripts
and records of the proceedings of the Trustees
of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston
for the year ending March 1, 1888,
Attest
George L. Wright,
Clerk of the Trustees,

Proceedings of Trustees. for year 1888.

Mch 5th At the annual Town meeting held on the 5th day of March A.D. 1888 Fannie M. Whiteomb was by ballot chosen as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library making The Board now stand as follows.

Miss Fannie M. Whiteomb	for	5	years	term expires	1893
Penniman M. Brigham	"	4	"	"	1892
Mrs. Mary F. Rendall	"	3	"	"	1891
Alexander V. R. Prouty	"	2	"	"	1890
George L. Wright,	"	1	"	"	1889

At this meeting the amount of the Dog fund received from the County Treasurer was appropriated to the Library viz, $161.73

There is due the Library in the Town Treasury for fines 1887. 1.54

Also due Library in Town Treasury unexpended balance of Appropriations and fines back years. 33 73

Amount $197,00

Also Amount of donation of Miss Hannah E. Bigelow, in Town Treasury 75.00

Total Amount, $272,00

Mch 14th By the Appointment of the Chairman of Board Wednesday the 14th day of March was designated as the time for the meeting for The Organization of the Board on Friday and the two days previous having occured the most severe storm Known for years and the roads much drifted and impassable no meeting was held, and by the appointment of the Chairman Saturday March 24th is designated as the time for holding the meeting.

Attest

George L. Wright — Clerk.

Proceedings of the Trustees March 24th 1888.

March 24th The Trustees meeting for organization adjourned from the 12th day of March instant was held on Saturday March 24. 1888.
Present. A. V. R Prouty. George L Wright, P. M.
Brigham and Mrs M. J. Kendall.
The records were read and approved.
Putnam M. Brigham was chosen Chairman and
George L. Wright was chosen Clerk.
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian.
Voted that at the regular meetings of the Board be held as follows viz.
On Saturday May 19th 1888 . . . .
" " August 18th " . . . . .
" " November 17th " . . . . .
The last meeting of the Trustees to be held on or before the time designated by the By Laws of the Town of Boylston which is on or before the 20th day of February. The exact time to be named by the Chairman of the Board.
Voted that the hours for holding the above meetings be named by the Chairman of the Board. It being understood that the Clerk shall notify each member of the Board of the time of each meeting previous thereto. and if anything should happen rendering it impossible or inconvenient to hold the meeting at the time appointed. the Chairman shall be authorized to appoint some other time or place for the meeting.
Voted that the compensation of the Librarian be the same as last year.
Voted to acknowledge all donations made to the Library since the last meeting of the Board
The Librarian stated that he had received a communication which is appended to this record from J. H. Burnham Esq Register of Deeds for Norfolk County and Librarian of the Dedham Historical Society offering a copy of the Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary of Settlement of the

Feb 24th Town of Dedham Massachusetts, 1886. Omit asking in exchange a Copy of the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Boylston August 18th 1868. Omit that he had made the Exchange which was approved of by the Trustees,

Bills were approved as follows.

To pay George L. Wright Services as Librarian from March 1. 1887 to March 1. 1888. $50.00

To pay Geo L Wright extra services Covering books, Mucilage Postage &c 19.00

Total amount $69.00

The Trustees proceeded to make a list of books for additions to the Library and with this matter pending Adjourned subject to the Call of the Chairman and of Clerk.

Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk,

Communication from J. H. Burdakin Esq Register of Deeds for Norfolk County and Librarian of the Dedham Historical Society

Dedham Feb 23. 1888

To the Selectmen of Boylston Mass.

Gentlemen.

The Dedham Historical Society is desirous of obtaining a copy of the Celebration (Centennial) of your Town Aug 18. 1868 and offers you in Exchange therefor a Copy of the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Dedham Sept 21. 1886.

Yours respectfully

John H. Burdakin Librarian

A Copy Attest Geo L. Wright. Clerk of Trustees.

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library held on Saturday May 19th 1888, Present, P. M. Brigham George L. Wright, Miss F. M. White omt and Mrs. M. F. Kendall,

P. M. Brigham Chairman presiding

The records of the last meeting were read & approved

May 19th. The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement concerning the Library which was accepted, Donations were Acknowledged as recorded on the Librarians Books. The following bill was approved for payment— viz. To pay Sanford & Company For binding Magazines & repairing Books. $8.40
The Trustees then proceeded to the selection of books for additions to the Library and with this matter still pending voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman,
Attest George L Wright Clerk.

May 19th At the above meeting it was also voted to authorize the Librarian to procure and present a copy of the Boylston Centennial Volume to the Public Libraries in Sterling Shrewsbury and West Boylston.
(This record was omitted in above minute by mistake)
Attest George L Wright—Clerk

June 19. The following bill was approved for Payment
To pay D. Wolfe Tiske & Co. for one Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, for Library $8.25
(Bigelow Fund)

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library held on Saturday, August 18th 1888,
Present. F. M. Thomas Chairman, Geo L Wright Clerk Miss S. M. Whitcomb and Mrs M. S. Kendall
The records were read and approved
The following bills were approved,
To Ginn Heath & Co
Vol 1. Myers History of America $6.50
The Board then proceeded to make up the list of books and voted to purchase the same in the usual manner and then voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman
Attest— Geo. L. Wright—Clerk

Proceedings of the Trustees November 17. 1888.

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of The Public Library held on Saturday— November 17th 1888.
Present. Geo L. Wright. Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb and Mrs M. F. Kendall.
In the absence of the Chairman Geo L Wright Clerk presided.— The minutes of the last— meeting were read and approved.
The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement which was accepted
The following bill was approved for Payment viz.
To pay Danford & Company Worcester Mass.

For Binding 3 vols Magazines	50	1.50	
" " 1 " Harpers Weekly		1.50	
" 1 Harpers Weekly		10	$3.10

Voted to renew the subscriptions to the same magazines as were on the list last year. also to add Scribner's Magazine to the list.—
No further business and Adjourned.
Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk.

We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library have this day approved of the bill of E. B. Berry to pay him for Subscriptions to magazines as per bill rendered as follows.

Harpers Monthly (beging with Dec 1888		3.15
" Weekly (" " Jan 1889		3.35
" Young People.		1.75
Century (beginning Nov 1888.		3 65
St. Nicholas " " 1888		2 00
Country Gentleman		2 20
Lippincotts Magazine		3 40
Frank Leslies Newspaper		3 40
In all amounting to		$22 20

Signed

D. H. Boylston
Geo L. Wright,
Trustees of the Public Library

1888.89

ORDER FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOOK BILL FOR 1888-1884

We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library hereby approve of the payment of the following bill viz

To pay De Wolfe Fiske & Co. 361 & 365 Washington Street Boston Mass. for books,

1	John Worcot.	98
1	Phoebe	82
1	On the Susquehanna	100
1	Shenandoah Troopers	75
1	Mr Oldmixon	100
1	Thirty Years a Detective	180
1	R. R. Forgers and Detective	95
1	Modern Adam and Eve.	98
1	A Gallant Fight	98
1	Midnight Queen	95
1	Echoing and Resechoing	98
1	Boys of Chequasett	98
1	Rodman the Reaper	67
1	Joe's Boys	98
1	Despot of Rumsedge Cove	82
1	Allan Quartermain	50
1	She	50
1	King Solomon's Mine	50
4	Vols Haggard &c	200
1	Under the Storm	98
1	Our New Mistress	83
1	Wood Hay and Stubble	84
1	My Pearl	84
1	Christ's Answered Prayer	67
1	Life of R + M. Moffatt	117
1	Swiss Stories	67
1	Good Old Times	80
1	Strong Arm	80
1	Museum Hand	80
1	Live Our Boys	80
1	Bob Burton	80
1	Hunters of Ozarks	80
1	Emmy in Mountains	80
1	Wyoming	80
	To Amount Carried Forward	$30.54

BILL OF DE WOLFE, FISKE & CO. BOSTON. MASS.

	To Amount Brought forward	$ 30	11
1	Snag and Sink		80
1	Steel Horse		80
1	Snowed up		80
1	Rod and Gun Club		80
1	Set Sportsman " Vols.	2	10
1	Wild Fowlers.		80
1	One Summer		83
1	Second Son		98
1	Paul Patoff.		98
1	Harvard Reminiscences		82
1	Story of Reedon Bluffs.		66
1	His Young Wife		95
1	Widower		95
1	Next Door		98
1	Dearly Bought		66
11	Volums All Longfellows Works	10	78
1	Mary and I	1	00
1	Pilgrims and Puritans		60
1	Profile		98
1	Life Interest		67
1	Master of His Fate		65
1	Daughter of Fife		65
1	Paul and Christina		65
1	Bonaventure		82
1	Forty years on the Rail		65
1	A Lone Grave on Shenadoah		67
1	Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde		66
1	Ben Bailey Poore 2 vols	4	20
1	Hard Tack and Coffee.		27
1	Irish Wonders	1	30
1	Samantha at Saratoga	1	12
1	King of Folly Island		82
1	Horse foot and Dragoons.	1	33
1	Zigzag Journey in India	1	05
1	Smiles Life and Labor		67
1	Lights of Two Centuries	1	35
1	Dusantes		50
1	Gorys	1	00
	To Amount Carried forward	$ 79	02

BOOK BILL AND ORDER FOR PAYMENT.

1889 Jan'y To amount Brought forward $79. 62
Bill of De Wolfe Fiske & Company
for books added to the Library

1	Story of New York.	1 17
1	Beecher's Patriotic Addresses	2 35
1	Little Neighbors.	78
1	Jack and Jill	98
1	Dunallan	40
1	My Autobiography Truth	117
1	Summer in Azores.	82
1	Louie's Last Term	67
1	Frank Warrington	82
1	New England Guide Book	98
1	Wilder's Life &c.	100
1	Glimpses in Maori Land	83
1	Jukisa &c Life in Japan	100
1	Light of Asia	66
1	Robert Elsmere	60
1	Boy Travellers in Australia	198
1	Heart of White Mountains	198
1	Strange Manuscript	82
1	Marching to Victory	198
1	Eggleston's U. S. History	166
1	Pictures of Bible Lands	220
1	Australian Pictures	220
1	Land of Pharoah	220
	To Total Amount	$108. 87

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
F. H. Whitcomb
} Trustees of the Boylston Public Library

Attest George L. Wright. Clerk of the Trustees.

ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF BOOKS. BIGELOW FUND.

1889 We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston
Jan. Public Library hereby approve the Payment
of the following bill for books and order the
same to be taken from the "Bigelow Fund"
now on deposit with the Town Treasurer
To pay De Wolfe Fiske & Co. for Books as per following
bill,

1 Dante's Inferno	125
1 Ryme Ancient Mariner	225
1 Goodholmes Domestic Encly'pa	333
1 Greece and Rome	600
1 Treasury of Art	225
1 Magazine " "	334
1 World's Worship in Stone	175
1 Life of Doré	150
1 Wild Life in Captivity	425
1 Stately Homes of England	275
1 Table Book of Art	275
Total amount	$31.42

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
F. M. Wilcomb
} Trustees of the Library

Attest-
Geo L Wright
Clerk,

Proceedings of the Trustees February 13 1889

The Trustees met on Wednesday Evening February 13, 1889
The minutes of last meeting were read and approved
Approved bills as follows, To pay Sanford & Co binding
Books & Magazines, $2.50 N. L. Kendall 4 copies Boylston
Centennial $4.00. C. B. Eaton & Co 24 lbs Covering paper $2.24
Geo L Wright Cash pd for Expressage, freightage & cartage on
books $1.89. Cash for postage .59 W. N. Vickery repairing shelves
.25 Cash paid for Life P. T. Barnum .38. Cash for mucilage .90
In all amounting to $12.45. It was voted that Scribner's
Magazine be added to the Library list. The annual appraisal of
the Library was made and placed at $2375.00. The annual
examination was then made & the Library found in a satisfactory
condition The accounts of Librarian & Clerk were Examined and
found correct The annual report was read and adopted &
voted to ask selectmen for an article in Town warrant "To see if the
Town will grant use of Town rooms in Town House for Library." G. L. Wright Clerk

Report of the Trustees and Librarian

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 1888. The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library

Accessions

Number of volumes in library Feb 20, 1888.	2359
Increase— By purchase	124
" binding	14
" donations	43
Total number of volumes in library Feb, 1889	2540

Circulation

Number of volumes delivered	3,147
Highest Number of volumes " in any one day, February 25, 1888	86
Smallest number of volumes " " " " day, October 29, 1888. (Stormy)	32
Average " " " " Each day,	63
Number of days the Library was Open	50
" " volumes repaired & rebound	15
" " persons registered as using the Library Feb, 20, 1888	452
" " " " during the year,	33
" " " " to date,	485

Monthly circulation of Books

February 25	562	volumes	
March	320	"	
April	272	"	
May	255	"	
June	351	"	
July	225	"	
August	234	"	
September	223	volumes	
October	227	"	
November	228	"	
December	247	"	
1889			
January	248	"	
February	71	"	
Total Circulation	3,147	"	

The classification of the books taken from the Library and the comparative use day and evening remains the same as was reported last year The Circulation of the Library for the different years

of the Public Library for year ending Feb 1889

Since its Opening has been as follows.

For the year		1880	1,728 Volumes
"	"	"	1881	4,371 "
"	"	"	1882	3,451 "
"	"	"	1883	3,024 "
"	"	"	1884	3,250 "
"	"	"	1885	3,339 "
"	"	"	1886	3,441 "
"	"	"	1887	3,008 "
"	"	"	1888,	3 147
Total Circulation				28,159 Volumes

During the past year Donations have been made to the Library as follows.

	Books	Pamphlets
Northborough Public Library		1
Marlborough Public Library		1
Hopedale Public Library		3
Lancaster Public Library		1
Waltham Historical Society	1	
Estate of Samuel M. Randall Worcester	3	
George L. Stafford	1	
George Sumner	1	
Hon John E. Russell, M.C.	2	
Mrs John B. Keough	1	
J. C. Ayer Co. Lowell,	1	
Hon George F. Hoar, M.C.		1
U.S. Government,	2	
Hon. Wm M. Stewart, M.C.		1
Received from Secretary of Commonwealth	8	1
" " Town Clerk's Office	23	

During the past year the following periodicals have been taken viz Harper's Monthly Magazine, Harper's Illustrated Weekly Newspaper Harpers Young People The Century, St Nicholas, The Country Gentleman Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper Lippincott's Monthly Magazine Other papers & reviews have been received from clubs & Societies. All of these are read and consulted at the reading table and after

wards

Report of the Trustees and Librarian of

Town permits the Library to be many borrowers for home reading. As fast as the volumes are completed they are bound together and then receive a number to correspond to the Library Catalogue. At the annual examination of the Library the books and other property belonging to it were found in a satisfactory condition. The present condition of the Library in the small quarters now occupied is seriously interfering with its proper management and we would most respectfully renew our former appeals for more commodious quarters. If no use is to be made of the lower room in the Town House the removal and rearrangement of the Library would be greatly facilitated by the assignment of that room to its use and as the shelves, now in the case, could be removed to that room the expense would be incurred in making the transfer. With a view that the Library in future may be the most efficient agent and advocate and promoter of the interests of Public improvements, the duty and privilege of the Town to provide with the Trustees for an appropriation as possible its fostering care and aid, ...

Subjoined will be found the Annual detailed Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Library and your Trustees would recommend the usual appropriation of the "Dog Fund" to its uses.

Financial Statement

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Berkshire for the year ending February 15, 1889

Dr

To balance of appropriations and fines in Treasury Feb 20, 1888 $35.27

Carried forward

Brought forward.		$35.27
To amount of Hannah E. Bigelow donation in town treasury February 20, 1888	75.00	
Amount of Dog Fund Appropriated to the Library	161.73	
To Cash drawn from Town treasury to pay contingent Expenses of Library	74.51	
To Cash received of Librarian for fines and Catalogues	3.87	
Total amount received		$350.11

Per contra, Cr,

1887	By Cash paid Contingent Expenses		
"	Geo. L. Wright, Services as Librarian		
"	from March 1, 1887 to March 1, 1888	$50.00	
"	Geo. L. Wright, covering books,		
"	Carriage & supplies year 1887	19.00	
"	C. B. Eaton & Co. 2 lbs Covering paper	2.24	
"	W. H. Tucker 12 pairs outlook shades	25	
"	Paid Express bill Carriage and	2.15	
"	postage Year 1886,	90	
"	Paid for carriage Year 1888,		$74.57
1888	By Cash paid on Book account,		
"	Paid C. L. Knowlton Express Boylston		
"	Centennial for Exchange with Libraries	4.00	
"	Houghton Mifflin & Co Vol VII Hawthorne	6.50	
"	Sanford & Co binding books & magazines	9.00	
"	E. B. Berry subscriptions to "	32.20	
"	F. Wolfe Tisko & Co books as per bills	106.87	
"	One Copy Life of P. T. Barnum	88	
			$150.95
"	By Cash paid on account Hannah E. Bigelow Donation		
"	Paid F. Wolfe Tisko & Co for books as per bills,		$31.67
	By balance amount paid out (Carried forward)		$265.19

Records of Trustees of Boylston Public Library

Warrant, covering amount paid $215.19
Paid for express charges and
collections 3.87
Warrant, covering balance of fines
and expenses remitted to Town
Treasurer subject to Library Order, 46.05
Warrant, covering balance of N.E.
Soc. for Promotion of Horticulture
Premium subject to Library Order, 35.33

Total amount $350.44

Bonds received
and by Vote of Trustees returned unfulfilled

J. M. Dickinson,
A. V. D. Perry,
George L. Wright,
J. M. Whitcomb,
H. S. Kendall,
} Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright, Librarian.

Attest
George L. Wright Clerk of Trustees

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct records of the doings of the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library for the Year 1888.

Attest. George L. Wright

Clerk of the Board of Trustees

At the annual town meeting of the town of Swanzey held on the fourth day of March A.D. 1889 George W. Wright was chosen as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years ensuing from the said fourth day of March 1889, whereupon the Board was found as follows,

Board of Trustees,

George W. Wright	a Trustee	Chandler
Miss Hannah M. Whitcomb	"	Chandler
Freeman M. Spencer	"	Chandler
Miss Mary D. Kimball	"	Chandler
Charles C. W. Parmele	"	Chandler

At this meeting the Old Town Record was ordered from the Town Treasurer and Constable to the Trustees of the Library amounting to $110.67

There is a balance of unexpended Appropriations and Fines in the Town Treasury amounting to $115

Fines paid Town Treasurer February 15, 1889, 3.87

Making in all the sum of $190.11

There is also in the hands of the Town Treasurer Samuel Hammond, Bequest donation 35.55

$225.55

At this meeting under Article 15, of the Warrant which was as follows, viz, "To see if the Town will allow the use of the Tower room in the Town House for the purposes of the Public Library or take such action respecting substitution as room for the Library as may seem

important or act in any manner
relating thereto," it was voted to allow
the use of the part of said room and that
the Secretary and Trustees of the Library
be a committee to convey the above vote
with a plan and make such alterations
and improvements in said room as the property
committee shall for the purposes of the Library

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman
of the Trustees of the Public Library
the Board of Trustees met on Saturday
March 9. 1869.
Present full board.
The records of last meeting were read
and approved.
Proceeded by ballot to an organization
for the ensuing year.
Parnham H. Brigham was chosen
Chairman
George L. Wright was chosen
Clerk and Treasurer
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian
Voted that the regular meetings of
the Board be held on
Saturday evening March 13th.
" August 16th.
" November 15th.
The last meeting to be held on or before
the time named in the By Laws of the
Town of Brighton which is on or
before the 25th day of February. The
exact time to be named by the Chairman
of the Board
Voted that the hours for holding the
above meetings be named by the
Chairman of the Board it also
being understood that the Clerk
shall notify each member of the Board
of the time of each meeting previous
to

Voted that if any thing should happen rendering it impossible or inconvenient to hold the meeting at the time appointed the Chairman should be authorized to appoint some other time and place for the meeting

Voted That the Compensation of the Librarian be the same as last year.

Approved the following bills for payment

To pay Geo. L. Wright for services as Librarian from March 1, 1858 to March 1, 1859 $36.00
Covering books for year 1858 12.76
Cash paid car fare purchasing Books 1.44
In all amounting to . . $64.40

Adjourned.

Attest George L. Wright, Clerk.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Boylston March 1, 1859 under a vote granting the use of a part of the lower room in the Town House for the purposes of the Library and to make the necessary alterations therein consisting of.

George R. Hastings, Peuniman M. Brigham, William A. Andrews } Selectmen of the Town

and

Peuniman M. Brigham, Alexander D.R. Prouty, George L. Wright, Miss F. H. White and Mrs. Mary F Kendall } Trustees of Public Library

Met at the Town Hall on Saturday March 9, 1859 and George R. Hastings Chairman of the Board of Selectmen acted as Chairman and George L. Wright Clerk of the Library Trustees acted as Clerk of the Committee. The Committee proceeded to

Mar 9th to view the rooms and make such arrangements as they deemed expedient Voted to divide the lower room in the town hall by constructing a partition of sheathing from the west side of the casing of the door leading from the room into the entry to the west side of the centre window on the north side of the room, and that this partition be made of good pine sheathing Voted that there be a door leading from this room into the other part of said lower room near the south end of the partition Also Voted That a door be cut from the entry-way to the hall into the anti-room opening from the Library room. So that the anti-room may be used as a reading room for the Library and as a town Officer's room

Voted to contract with William H Vickery to perform the above alterations and to construct the above partitions. He to find materials and perform the labor to the satisfaction of the Committee upon the terms which he has this day stated to the Committee, and to have the said partitions and other work performed as soon as is possibly convenient for him to do so.

Voted that the matter of painting the Library room, removing the shelving and procuring additional shelving for the Books be left in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of

Benjamin M. Bridgman
George L Wright

Attest

George L Wright Clerk of the
Trustees of the Public Library
and acting Clerk of the Town

Order for payment of Book Bill April 6th

Apr 6th To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston, You will please grant an order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bill.
To pay Houghton Mifflin & Co. for volume 1. of Winsor's History of America $6.50

P. M. Brigham
Geo. L. Wright
Trustees of Public Library

A Copy Attest-
Geo. L. Wright Clerk of Trustees.

May 18th. At the quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library held on Saturday May 18th A.D. 1889. Present P. M. Brigham Miss Whitcomb and Geo. L. Wright. It was ordered that the Librarian prepare and cause to be printed supplementary catalogues of all books added to the Library since the publication of the last supplementary catalogue. All other business of the Board was referred to the next meeting and adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. Attest
George L. Wright Clerk of Trustees

To the Selectmen of Boylston. You will please grant an order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills.
To pay Moses King Corporation for
1 Volume Kings Hand book of Newton, $1.00
1 " " " " Episcopal Churches 1.00
In all amounting to $2.00

Boylston . . .
June 1. 1889
A Copy Attest . . .
Geo L Wright- Clerk of Trustees.

P. M. Brigham
Geo. L. Wright
Trustees of Public Library

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston You will please grant an order on the Town Treasurer to pay the following bills viz To pay Moses King Corporation

—1889—

Order for payment of Books &c. July 6. 1889

July 6th	for Books as per bill	$5 00
Contd	To pay H. O. Sawyer & Co. for 6 Lamps and fixtures for Library-room	$4, 20
	To pay Geo. L. Wright- for one blank book for Librarians use.	.75
	Sanford & Co. Binding Magazines	1,50
	Total Amount	$11, 45

P. M. Brigham Chairman
Geo. L. Wright- Clerk
of Trustees of Public Library

Aug. 17. 1889

At the quarterly meeting of the Trustees held on Saturday August 17th A. D. 1889 Present P. M. Brigham Chairman Miss Emily Whitcomb. and George L. Wright- Meeting The minutes were read and approved. The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement which was accepted The donation of two volumes viz. History of Worcester County Massachusetts. Was acknowledged from Mrs Nancy J. Bigelow. of Southboro. Mass widow of Rev Andrew Bigelow D.D. formerly of this town and the following communication addressed to Mrs Bigelow was adopted. viz We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library hereby desire to return our sincere thanks for the valuable donation of the History of Worcester County Map. which you have been pleased to make to this Library It gives us additional pleasure to receive these volumes containing as they do the local history of Boylston and a sketch of and portrait of your late husband Rev. Andrew Bigelow D. D. around whose memory both as a minister of the church (native of the town and a former) very many pleasant and sacred associations cluster And of whose liberality and interest in the social educational and spiritual

Aug. 17. Spiritual welfare of the town. The people of Boylston have great cause to be grateful These returns will also be very pleasant souvenirs of your own residence and interest in this town,

P. M. Brigham
A. V. R. Prouty
Geo. L. Wright
F. M. Whitcomb
W. F. Rendall
Trustees.

By Geo. L. Wright.
Clerk.

Voted to proceed to make up the list of new books to be added to the Library and ordered that the Librarian attend in person to the purchase of the same and that he be authorised to make such additions of books to the list at that time as he may think proper.
Voted to purchase the Military Annals of Lancaster Mass. Edited by Hon. Henry S. Nourse, to be added to the Library.
Voted that the room used as a Reading Room may be used for other purposes than those of the Library but that the Library Room shall not be used for any other than Library purposes. Excepting as it may be needed to heat the other room.
Then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman. Attest Geo. L. Wright. Clerk.

Nov. 4th. To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston. You will please grant an Order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following Library bills. To pay E. B. Berry for subscriptions to the following magazines Harpers Monthly $3.15, Harpers Illustrated Weekly $3.35, Harpers Young People $1.75 The Century $3.65, St Nicholas $2.05 The Country Gentleman $2.20, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper $3.40, Lippincotts Magazine $2.65, In all amounting to $22.20,
P. M. Brigham Chairman. Geo L. Wright Clerk

Proceedings of Trustees November 16. 1889.

Nov. At the Quarterly meeting of the Trustees
16th this day. Present- P. M. Brigham and
Geo. L. Wright- Ordered that this meeting
stand adjourned until the time when
the books made up at the last meeting
shall have been received from the
publishers and that the Clerk notify
the members of the Board of that time
and that all business be referred to that
time Attest. Geo. L. Wright- Clerk.

Dec. The Trustees of the Public Library met on
the Saturday December 7th A. D. 1889 in pur-
suance to the adjournment of November
16th last and on the appointment of the
Chairman Present- P. M. Brigham. A. V.
R. Proctor. Geo. L. Wright and Mrs.
M. F. Parkman. The minutes were read and
approved. The Librarian presented
the usual quarterly statement which was
accepted. Voted to authorize the Librarian
made to the Librarian the purchase making
Nov 16 th- The Librarian submitted a verbal
report concerning the purchase of books as
ordered at the meeting August 17th which was
accepted. Voted to add to the Book List for the Library
the History of 34th Mass. Regt. Vols. by Gen Wm. S. Lincoln,
and the History of the 53d Regt. Mass. Vols by
Henry A. Willis of Fitchburg.

Bills Sanford & Co. Worcester Mass.
To Binding Magazines . 1.00
" " 10th Harpers Young People 90 1.90

Massachusetts Society Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals. For 1 years subscription to
"Our Dumb Animals" from Dec 1889 .50

Bill of Houghton, Mifflin & Co,
For Vol. 5 Winsor's History of America $6 50

Bill of De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. for Books.

/	Emerson in Concord.	1.75	1 12
"	White Umbrella in Mexico	1.50	98
"	Noted Names of Fiction	2.00	1 32
"	Passe Rose.	1.25	82
"	Open Door	1.50	98
"	Gunnin	1.50	98
"	Girl Graduate	1.50	98
"	Quaker Girl of Nantucket	1.25	82
"	Steadfast.	1.50	98
"	Story of Patsy	.60	38
"	Looking Backward	1.00	64
"	Jonathan & Edwards	1.25	82
"	Picturesque Alaska.	1.00	66
"	War of Independence	75	49
"	Birds through An Opera Glass	75	49
"	George Washington	79	49
"	Up & Down the Brooks.	75	49
"	Old Time Music	1.50	98
"	Studies in South & West.	1.75	1 15
"	Cleopatra	75	49
"	Ghosts.	1.00	66
"	Over English	1.00	66
"	Choice Cookery	1.00	66
"	Uncle Peters Trust.	1.00	66
"	Nome to	1.00	66
"	Powers of School Officers	75	49
"	April Hopes	1.50	98
"	Annie Kilburn	1.50	98
"	Virginia of Virginia	1.00	66
"	Spring Haven	1.50	98
"	Sevenfold Trouble	1.50	98
"	People I've Smiled With	1.50	98
"	Tenting on the Plains	3.50	2 34
			$27.75
"	Life Memories 2 vols.	6.00	4.00
"	Flowers and Fruits	1.00	66
"	After Noon-tide	1.00	66
"	Boyhood of Christ	3.50	2 34
"	Tramp at Home	1.25	82
"	Clover	1.25	82
			9.30
	Amount Carried Forward		$37.05

Bill of Dr. Wm. Fiske & Co. for Books Continued

Dec.	Amount Brought forward			37, 05
7th	1 French Traits	1.50	98	
	" Pretty Sister of José	1.00	66	
	" Their Only Brother	1.25	82	
	" True Joe.	1.00	66	
	" Rose and Thorn.	1.50	98	
	" Tropical Africa	1.50	100	
	3 Vols of E. P. Roe's Works.	.95	285	
	1 Autobiography of Eug.	1.00	66	
	" Beacon Tribman	1.25	82	
	" Storm Mountain	1.25	80	
	4 Vols. of A. M. Douglas Works	.95	380	
	1 Chautauqua Lady	.50	33	
	" Glimpses of 50 Years.	3.75	184	
	" Parables from Nature	1.50	98	
	" Uncle Rutliford's Nieces	1.00	66	
	" Last Days of Pompei	1.00	66	
	" The Prayer Book	1.50	98	
	" Ruby	1.50	98	
	" Sesame and Lillies	.75	25	
	" Undine	1.00	66	
	" Bayberry to Beacon H.	1.25	82	
	" My Story of the War.	3.25	217	
	" On Horseback	1.25	82	
	" Red Mountain of Alaska	2.50	160	
	" Hunting in the Jungles	2.50	160	
	" Great Grandmothers Girls	1.75	112	
	" Boys Book of Sports	2.00	133	
	" Between the Lines	1.25	82	
2	" Viking Age	7.50	480	
1	" Royal Girls	1.25	82	
	" Charles Auchester	1.25	75	
	" Music & Morals	1.75	115	
	" My Musical Memories	1.00	66	
	" Fallen Idol	.75	49	
	" Boy Travellers in Mexico	3.00	198	
	" Florida Days	4.00	264	
	" Personally Conducted	2.00	130	
	" Frozen Dragon	2.00	130	
	" Queer Pets & Their Ways	2.50	150	4904
	Amount Brought forward			$86 09

Bill of Dr. Wolfe. Fiske & Co concluded.

		Amount Brought forward.			$56.09
Dec.	1	Girls Own Book.	1.75	1.12	
7th	"	Colonial Days.		90	
	"	Ready Luck Ready	1.00	66	
	"	Richard Vandermark	1.25	82	
	"	Palace Beautiful	1.25	83	
	"	Thoughts of Dumb Neighbors		47	
	"	Resources of U. S.	3.00	2.00	
	"	Our Phil	1.25	82	
	"	Domestic Problems.	1.00	66	
	"	Mr. Darwin's Daughter		83	
	"	My Lady Nell.	1.50	98	
	"	A Titled Maiden	1.50	98	
	"	How He made His Fortune	1.50	98	
	"	A Knot of Blue	1.50	98	
	"	Hermit of Livery	1.50	98	
	"	How they Lived	1.00	66	
	"	Moss-back Correspondence	1.00	66	
	"	A Midshipman at large	1.50	98	
	"	Chrissy's Endeavor	1.50	95	
	"	French and English	2.00	1.30	
	"	Sylvan Year	2.00	1.30	
	"	Camp Life	1.00	66	
	"	A man Without a Country	2.50	1.60	22.12
					$108.21

Geo. L. Wright Car Fare to Boston purchasing Books by Order of Trustees. 1.44

E. M. Bruce Freightage on Books .25

Making in all the sum of $118.80

Adjourned. Attest George L. Wright Clerk.

1890 Feb. 13. The Trustees met for the Examination of the Library on Thursday Feb. 14. 1890. Present. P. M. Brigham Chairman. Geo L. Wright. A. V. R. Proudy and Mrs. M. F. Kendall. The minutes of the last meeting were read and

Feb. 13, approved. The annual examination of
Cont'd The Library was then made and the
books and other property belonging to
it was found in a satisfactory condition
The annual appraisal of the Library was
then made and the certificate to be sent
to the Selectmen was filled out as follows,
We the undersigned Trustees of the
Boylston Public Library have this day
Appraised the books and other property
belonging to the Library and find the
value of the same to be according to our
best judgement. $2500.00,

P. M. Brigham
A. V. R. Prouty
M. F. Kendall.
Geo. L. Wright } Trustees of the Public Library

The annual examination of the Librarians
accounts was then made from which it
appears that the Librarian has paid for
Expressage, Freightage, Postage and other
Supplies as detailed in said account $9.18
That he has received on " " 7.14
Leaving a balance due him of. $2.04
That he has received for fines $1.80
" " " " " Catalogues .30
In all amounting to. $2.10
For which sum the Trustees gave him their receipt
The following bills were approved for payment.
To pay Sanford & Co for Binding
1 Vol Harpers Young People .75
1 " " Weekly 1.40 $2.15
To pay Sanford & Co for Binding
1 Vol. Century .50
1 " Harpers Monthly .50
1 " Country Gentleman 1.00 $2.00
To Geo. L. Wright and him as above
less amt. expended on order drawn in his favor. 5.00 - 3.55 = 1.45 1.59
$5.74
Amount.

The Trustees then adjourned, Geo. L. Wright.
Attest: Clerk.

Report of the Trustees and Librarian for year Ending Feb. 15. 1890.

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15. 1890. The following statistics will show the circulation and condition of the Library.

Accessions.

Number of volumes in the library Feb. 20. 1889.	2540
Increase during the year.	
By purchase.	
" donation.	
" binding.	
Total number of volumes in the library Feb. 15. 1890	2720

Circulation.

Number of volumes delivered.	3,363
Highest " " " " in any one day Feb. 1. 1890.	95
Lowest " " " " " " " " Oct. 12. 1889.	37
Average " " " " each day.	61
Number of days the library was open.	57
" " volumes repaired and rebound.	
" " persons registered as using the library Feb 10. 1889	486
" " " " during the year	24
" " " " to date.	510

Monthly Circulation of Books.

1889					
February	47 vols.	July	233 vols	December	274 vols
March	317 "	August	353 vols	1890	"
April	264 "	September	251 "	January	311 "
May	265 "	October	262 "	February	146 "
June.	310 "	November	330 "	Total.	3,363 "

The Classification of the books taken and the comparative use day and evening remains nearly the same as was reported last year. The total circulation of the Library since its opening in 1880 has been volumes.

During the year donations have been made to the Library as follows,

	Vols.	Pam.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	13	2
U.S. Government	2	6
Hon. John E. Russell, M.C.		

Report. Continued.

	Books	Pamphlets
Dr. Hannah E. Bigelow. Marlboro'	9	
Mrs. R. B. T. Goodell.	1	
Charles E. Sanford. Worcester		1
Young Mens Christian Association Worcester	1	
Mrs. Rev. Andrew Bigelow D.D. Southboro'	2	
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Boston.	1	
Marlborough Public Library	Annual Reports unnumbered.	
Hopedale " "		
Northborough " "		
Sterling " "	1	
Lancaster " "		
Sanford & Davis, Worcester	1	
Wilford Woodruff. Salt Lake City Utah	1	
N.Y. Tribune Association,		3
Alderman Granville A. Longley. Worcester.		5
Horatio Houghton Esq. West Boylston		1
Total number of volumes and pamphlets numbered 54		

During the past year the following periodicals have been taken viz. Harpers Monthly Magazine Harpers Young People. Harpers Illustrated Weekly The Century. St. Nicholas. The Country Gentleman Frank Leslies Illustrated Newspaper. Lippincotts Monthly Magazine and Our Dumb Animals. Other papers. reviews etc have been received from donors. At the annual Examination of the library the books and other property belonging to it was found in a satisfactory condition. Your Board of Trustees feel that the past year has been one of improvement to the library. Acting under the suggestions of the Trustees in their last annual report the town at its last annual March meeting granted a portion of the lower part of the town hall building for the purposes of the library and constituted the Selectmen and Library Trustees a Committee to make such alterations and repairs as would be necessary to properly carry the vote of the town into Effect. and under their direction the present convenient and attractive rooms were arranged

Report. Continued.

and which will be adequate for the wants of the library for many years. Subjoined will be found the annual detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the library and your Trustees would respectfully recommend the usual appropriation of the "Dog Fund" to its uses. Financial Statement—

Trustees of the Public Library In account with the Town of Boylston for the year Ending February 15, 1890

Dr.

1889 To Balance of appropriations and fines in the Town Treasury Feb. 15. 1889. $49.92

To Balance of Hannah E. Bigelow fund in Town Treasury Feb. 15 1889 35.33

Amount of Dog Fund Appropriated 140.67

1890 Feb. 15 To Cash drawn from Town Treasury to pay Contingent Expenses of library 69.35

" " To Cash received of Librarian for fines and Catalogues 1889. 2.10

" " Total amount received $297.37

1889 Per Contra. Cr.

By Cash paid Contingent Expenses—

Paid Geo. L. Wright. Services as Librarian from March 1. 1888. to Mch 1. 1889 $50.00

Geo. L. Wright Covering books 14.40

H. O. Sawyer & Co. 6 Lamps & fixtures 4.20

C. D. Eaton & Co Blank Book. .75

$69.35

By Cash paid on Book Account,

Paid Houghton Mifflin & Co for Books, $13.00

" Moses King Corporation " " 2.00

" De Wolfe Fiske & Co, " " 108.21

" Sanford & Co " " 4.55

" " " " for Binding 7.55

" E. B. Berry Subscriptions to Magazines 22.20

" Mass. Soc' for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 50

" Geo. L. Wright Car-fare Purchasing Books by order of Trustees 1.44

" " " " Expressage postage & Freightage 2.29

$161.74

Total amount paid out, 231.09

1889-90

Report. Concluded.

1890 Brought forward	$231.09
Feb 15 Paid Town Treasurer fines and Catalogues 1889.	2.10
Unexpended balance of Appropriations and fines in Town Treasury subject to Library Order.	28.85
Unexpended balance of H. E. Bigelow Fund in Town Treasury	35.33
Total Amount.	$297.37

(Errors and Omissions Excepted.)
Respectfully Submitted.

P. M. Brigham,
A. V. R. Prouty.
George L. Wright
T. M. Whitcomb
M. F. Kendall
} Trustees of the Public Library

George L. Wright. Librarian.

A true copy of Said Report. Attest.
George L. Wright. Clerk. of the Trustees.

I Certify that the foregoing records are true and correct records of the doings of the Trustees of the Public Library for the year ending March 1. 1890.
Attest. George L. Wright
Clerk of the Trustees

Records of the Trustees of the Public Library

For the year. 1890.

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston held on Monday March 3rd. A. D. 1890.- George A. Hastings was chosen by ballot. as a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years then ensuing to fill the vacancy caused by the Expiration of the term of service of Alexander V. R. Prouty. Making the Board now stand as follows.

Board of Trustees.

George A. Hastings for five years to March 1. 1895
George L. Wright " four " " " 1894
Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb " three " " " 1893
Peninnah M. Brigham " two " " " 1892
Mrs. Mary F. Kendall " one " " " 1891

At this meeting the amount of the Dog Fund returned from the County Treasurer was appropriated to the uses of the Library.

Amounting to $135.43

There is a balance of unexpended appropriations and fines in the Town Treasury amounting to. 28.85

Fines paid Town Treasurer Feb. 15. 1890 and subject to Library Order. 2.10

Making in all the sum of. $166.38

Unexpended balance of the Hannah E. Bigelow Donation in the Town Treasury. 35.33

Total Amount. $201.71

Mch. 10. Pursuant to the appointment of the Chairman. The Board of Trustees met on Monday March 10. 1890 Present. P. M. Brigham Geo. L. Wright. Miss F. M. Whitcomb. Mrs. M. F. Kendall and George A. Hastings. The minutes of the last meeting were Read and Approved.

Proceeded by ballot for organization for the ensuing year, and.

Mch. 10th Penniman M. Brigham was chosen Chairman, and George L. Wright was chosen Clerk and Treasurer.— George L. Wright was chosen Librarian.

Voted That the regular meetings of the Board be held as follows.

On Saturday May 14th.
" " August 16th.
" " November 14th.

The last meeting to be held on or before the time named in the By Laws of the Town of Boylston which is on or before the 20th day of January. The exact time to be named by the Chairman of the Board.

Voted that the hours for holding the meetings be left with the Chairman of the Board it being understood that the Clerk shall notify each member of the Board of the time and place of meeting prior thereto.

Voted that if it should be impossible or inconvenient to hold the meetings at the times appointed the Chairman shall be and is hereby authorized to appoint some other time and place for the meeting.

Voted that the compensation of the Librarian be the same as last year.

Voted to increase the amount of insurance on the Library and that the Chairman of the Board confer with the Board of Selectmen in regard to this matter and also in regard to the amount of increase on the insurance and report to the Board.

Voted to print three hundred supplementary Catalogues of the books not already entered in the published Catalogues.

Voted that the books be entered once in such supplementary Catalogue under the

Proceedings of the Trustees March 10 & completed

The following bills were approved for payment
To pay George L. Wright for Services as Librarian
from March 1. 1889. to March 1. 1890 $50.00
To pay Geo. L. Wright for covering —
463 Vols. of Books @3c. 13.86
In all amounting to $63.86
Also to pay Sanford & Co. for binding
one volume of Frank Leslie's Illustrated
Newspaper. 1.50
Total amount approved. $65.36
The matter of selecting books for the Library
was taken up and it was agreed to add
to the subscription list some papers or maga-
zine on Education for the Teachers use in
the public Schools. With the selection of books
for the Library still pending. Voted to adjourn.

Attest. George L. Wright Clerk.
of the Trustees

Boylston. May 3. 1890.

Received of George L. Wright Clerk and
Treasurer of the Trustees of the Boylston
Public Library the sum of Twenty-Five
($25.00) Dollars, in a check signed by
Hannah E. Bigelow on the First National
Bank of Marlborough Mass. dated
Apr 30, 1890 and payable to the order of the Trustees
of the Boylston Public Library. the same
being a donation made by said Hannah
E. Bigelow, for the benefit of said Library
and to be held in the Town Treasury
subject to the order of said Trustees.

P. M. Brigham Treasurer of
the Town of Boylston

May 17. The Trustees of the Public Library met
on Saturday May 17. 1890. Present P. M.
Brigham (Chairman) George L. Wright
Clerk

May Mtg. and George A. Hastings. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Librarian made a verbal statement of the condition and circulation of the Library for the Quarter ending this date which was accepted. In the matter of increasing the amount of insurance on the Library voted upon at the last meeting. At the request of the Chairman it was ordered that the consideration of the matter be laid over until the next meeting of the Board. The supplementary Catalogue of Books prepared by the Librarian pursuant to a vote of the Trustees passed at the last meeting of the Board was presented and approved. A communication (which is appended to this record) was read from Hannah G. Bigelow M. D. of Marlborough Mass. inclosing a check of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars as referred to in the receipt on the preceding page of this book and the Clerk of the Board was ordered to return in suitable form the thanks of the Trustees for the same. A communication from Rev. G. S. Merriam of Amherst Mass, was read asking for an exchange with the Library of a copy of the Boylston Centennial Volume for a copy of the Historical Review of the First Church in Amherst Mass. Which Exchange the Librarian reported that he had made and which was approved by the Trustees and the thanks of the Board were voted for the copy of the book referred to. The thanks of the Board were voted to Mr. Nathaniel L. Rendall for 10 copies of the Boylston Centennial Volume to be used for making Exchanges with other Libraries institutions and persons. It was voted to purchase one copy of the book entitled "The Museum of Antiquity" from Henry T. Bray at the price offered viz Two ($2.00) dollars. The following bills were

Approved

approved for payment. To pay Sanford Bro. for 2 quires of Manilla Covering paper (wide) $1.20
To pay H.S. Bray for one volume viz
Museum of Antiquity 2.00
In all amounting to $3.20
The matter of procuring new books for the Library was taken up and the lists as brought in by the several members of the Board were examined and approved. It was voted to expend a portion of the Bigelow Fund for books. And voted that the Librarian be requested to attend in person to the purchase of the above list of books and to make such further additions to said list and to make such selection of books on the Bigelow Fund as he may judge expedient
The statement of the Bigelow Fund as it now stands is as follows.
Balance in Town Treasury as per report and as is stated on page 237 of this book $35.33
Check of Miss H.L. Bigelow acknowledged as this meeting 25.00 $60.33
Voted to Adjourn subject to call of chairman all
Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk.

Communication of Hannah L. Bigelow M.D.
Marlboro April 30. 1890.

G.L. Wright.

Dear Sir.

Paid not send to the Library last year expecting to come in person but it seemed impossible for me to get beyond Berlin I enclose a check for $25.00 and have some books which I intend to bring I can not appoint a day but if you will please tell me where Dean get the Key I will try and see the Library if I do come.

Yours Truly
Hannah L Bigelow
191 Lincoln Street

A Copy Attest
Geo. L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees.

-1870-

Nov 11th A stated meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Brookline was held at the Library Room this evening. Present, Messrs. Aspinwall, Bigelow, Hall, Hyde, Shattuck and Upton. The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas a communication has been received from Henry G. Bigelow M.D. of Waltham addressed to Mrs. Upton, relative to the bequest of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Bowditch of Boston, which bequest is to be paid over to the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Brookline whenever they shall certify to the Executors of the will of the said Elizabeth Bowditch that the principal of such bequest shall be safely and securely invested under the direction of the Trustees of the Public Library and that the income thereof is to be used for the purposes of the Library and for no other purpose, and whereas the Library should not cease to exist as the Brookline Public Library the said sum of five thousand dollars (5000.00) should not be the sum of Brookline for any purpose but that said town may wish. The said sum to be in remembrance of the mother of the donor and his brothers and sisters of Brookline and whereas the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Brookline must therefore request the Selectmen of said Town of Brookline to request the Trustees representing the Public Library of said Town of Brookline to accept said bequest and whereas the Trustees of the Public Library have confidence in the integrity and uprightness of the Executors and in accordance with the benevolent wishes of the testatrix hereby express their appreciation of the interest of the donor in the Library as well as their appreciation for this and other generous and valuable donations, of books and money which she has heretofore been pleased to make to the Library

Resolved that these resolutions be placed on

At a meeting June 11. 1890. Present Mr. H. as before.

Whom the records of the town were duly sworn record a copy transcribed as follows.

H. R. Hastings. } Selectmen
P. M. Brigham. } of the
Wm. A. Andrews. } Town of Boylston

P. M. Brigham.
George L. Wright } Trustees of the
Fannie M. Whitcomb. } Public Library
Mary F. Kendall, } of the
George A. Hastings. } Town of Boylston

A true copy Attest. George L. Wright. Clerk of the Trustees

Communication of Dr. Hannah C. Boylston.

Marlboro. June 9. 1890.

Geo. L. Wright Esq. Dear Sir. I was very sorry not to meet you on the day Senior, but it was my fault. This is what I wish to do. To give $500.00, as a fund to the Library to be known and entered the June 11. 1890 Fund the interest to be used for the purchase of books. If the Library should cease to exist as the Boylston Library the $500.00 to go to the Town of Boylston for any purpose they may wish. I wish entered on the records of the Library that the Fund is given in memory of Abigail Hastings daughter of Ashsah Sawyer and Ephraim Hastings. I simply wish to keep name here in existence the names of my mother and of her mother. If you see fit to accept the $500.00 as given please let me know and I will forward the check also answer any questions you may ask. For I am not certain that I have made it legal.

Yours respectfully Hannah C. Boylston
*191 Lincoln Street,

A copy. Attest-
George L. Wright- Clerk of the Trustees.

$500.00 Boylston, Mass. June 11. 1890.
Received of George L. Wright- Clerk and Treasurer

Receipt of Town Treasurer "June 11. 1890 Fund"

June 1. Of the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Boylston the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in a check on the First National Bank of Marlborough, Mass. the same to be deposited subject to the order of the Trustees of said Library and known as the June 11. 1890 Fund and the income thereof to be used for the purchase of books subject to the order of said Trustees

Perriman M. Brigham
Town Treasurer

July 1. The above Fund has been deposited by the Town Treasurer in the Worcester County Institution for Savings at Worcester Mass for the benefit of the Public Library.
Attest Geo. L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston
Gentlemen — You will please grant an Order on the Treasurer for the payment of the bill hereto attached for the sum of
DeWolfe Fiske & Co Books $121.55

P. M Brigham
Geo. L. Wright
Fannie M. Whitcomb
Geo. A. Hastings
M. F. Kendall.
Trustees of Public Library

Attest Geo. L Wright Clerk

Bill of Dr. Wolfe Fiske & Co. for Books. July 2. 1890.

1	New England Girlhood.	48
1	David Livingstone	40
5	vols. W. O. Stoddard	3 50
1	Coal and Coal Mines.	48
1	Wonder Stories of Science	82
1	Up North in a Whaler.	82
1	Summer in a Canon.	98
1	Autobiography of W. Shauffer.	83
1	St. Peter and Tom	66
1	Rolfe and His Friends	82
1	Reuben Everett	82
1	Put in His Thumb &c.	82
1	Colonial Boy	82
1	Our New Mistress	82
1	One Girl's Way out	82
1	Cunning Woman's Grandson.	98
1	My Mother's Enemy.	82
1	Marie	60
1	Boy's adventures in Army.	78
1	Harold's Bride	65
1	Thousand Miles up the Nile	1 60
1	Bird's Christmas Carol.	32
1	Autobiography of J. H. Patton 2 vols	2 25
1	Pharoahs of the Bondage	67
1	Alma	82
1	Ancient Cities	82
1	Arthur Eakin's Story	95
1	Barney	66
1	Betty Leicester	82
1	Blind Brother	59
1	By a Way- They Knew not.	78
1	Capt Nan's Bargain	83
1	Carrots	66
1	Chubby Ruff	66
1	Chloe	82
1	Dear Gates	82
1	Round Top &c	82
1	Eagle and the Dove	42
1	Earles of the village	83
1	Fighting the Sea.	83

Carried Forward.

Bill of. De Wolfe Fiske & Co. for Books Continued

July		Brought Forward.	
2.	1	Their Canoe Trip	82
	1	Pastors Prime	66
	1	Stanley's Letters	33
	1	Master of the Magicians	82
	1	Fire and Sword	132
	1	Five Hundred Dollars.	82
	1	Lake Champlain	66
	1	Two years in West Indias	132
	1	Reveries of a Bachelor	82
	1	Wilbur Fisk	82
	1	Muhlenburg	82
	1	Standish of Standish	82
	1	Two Coronets	98
	1	Memories of a Millionaire	82
	1	Wyndom Towers.	82
	1	Our Cats	120
	1	Mosby's Reminiscences	132
	1	Success with Small Fruits	90
	1	Battlefields of '61	180
	1	Abbe Constantine	159
	1	Last of the McAllisters	82
	1	Between Two Loves.	82
	1	Feet of Clay	82
	1	Remember the Alamo	82
	1	Life's Long Battle	63
	1	Palestine	82
	1	Emanuel	98
	1	Naturalists Voyage	329
	1	Around & About South America	329
	1	5000 Miles in a Sledge	98
	1	Practical Hints	66
	1	Robert Browning	66
	1	Great Leaders	115
	1	Wit Sage & Swallow	66
	1	Harvard Graduates	82
	1	Forsaken Inn	98
	1	Nelson	98
	1	Knocking around the Rockies	110
	1	What Darwin Saw.	198

Bill of Dr Wolfe Fiske & Co. for Books. Concluded.

July 2	1	Modern Ships of War	1 65
	1	Wild Beasts and Reptiles	1 75
	1	Ireland Illustrated 3 vols	5 50
	1	Europe "	1 00
	1	Wayside Flowers and Ferns	1 50
	1	Song Birds and Seasons	1 25
	1	Ranch Life & Hunting	2 75
	1	Daylight Land	2 10
	1	Insects	2 50
	1	Birds	2 50
	1	Woods Natural History	2 50
	1	Blessed Damozel	4 50
	1	Sword and Scimeter	4 50
	1	Pathway of Life	2 50
	1	Faust	7 50
	1	Odds and Ends.	55
			41

We the undersigned Trustees approve the payment of the foregoing bill.
August 16. 1899.

P. M. Brigham.
George L. Wright
Fannie M. Whitcomb
George A. Hastings

Trustees of Public Library

A Copy Attest.
By George L. Wright. Clerk

~~MEETINGS OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF TRUSTEES. AUGUST 16TH 1899.~~

Aug. 16. The Trustees met on notification. Present P. M. Brigham Chairman. George L. Wright Miss F. M. Whitcomb and George A. Hastings. The minutes were read and approved. The Librarian made a verbal statement of the condition and needs of the Library for the current quarter. Also the matter of increasing the amount of insurance on the Library was considered. On motion of Mr. Hastings the Chairman appointed Mr. Wright to look into the matter and report at the next meeting. Voted that it is the sense of the Board that it is inexpedient to increase the present policy of insurance. Voted that

Upon motion of George L. Wright it was
voted to adopt the report of the Committee
as recorded on the preceding page and that
it is the opinion of this Board that it
is unadvisable to take any action relative
thereto to increase the amount of in-
surance on the Library until the separa-
tion of the present policy of insurance
the Librarian presented a verbal report
on the purchase of new books ordered at the
last regular Meeting of the Board and
the list of books as recorded it was ordered
that the amount paid for the following
books be taken from the Bigelow fund.
viz Mould on Insects 2.50
" " Birds 2.50
Birds Illustrated Natural History 2.50
Insect Life &c 4.50
Wood and Scientific 4.50
Gaskell's Compt. 7.50
Dana's Text Book and Gems 1.50
Song Birds and Seasons 1.25
and voted to $26.75
which leaves the Balance of Bigelow Fund $33.58
Voted to add the list of new books purchased on
Saturday last and that a sufficient number
of copies said list be printed on the Librarian
Librarian reported that as before instructed
he had deposited the "April 1890 Fund" in the
Berkshire County Institution for Savings at Pittsfield
in the name of the Town of Lenox to the credit
of the Public Library and upon motion of
Geo L. Wright it was voted that the Book and Bill
Committee of the Fund be discharged and that the fund
remain on deposit in said Bank for the present
and until further ordered.
A true record of Proceedings Attest
George L. Wright Clerk of the Trustees

The Trustees met on Monday November 17. 1890
Present. P. M. Bright Esqr and George L. Wright
the weather being very stormy and a quorum

not being present it was Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday Evening November 24 inst. at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest George L. Wright. Clerk of the Trustees

Nov. 24. The Trustees met upon their adjournment. Present P. M. Brigham. George L. Wright Mrs. M. F. Kendall. and George A. Hastings The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The quarterly statement of the Librarian was made verbally and accepted. Voted the thanks of the Trustees for all donations of books made during the last quarter. The following resolutions were adopted upon Motion of George L. Wright

Resolved that the Trustees receive with great pleasure the gift from Mrs. Lysander Flagg of a portrait of her late husband General Lysander Flagg. and desire hereby to express in the name. and behalf of the Town of Boylston their appreciation therefor as well as to just respect to the memory and eminent usefulness of an honored son of the Town.

Resolved That the portrait be placed upon the walls of the Library accompanied with a suitable inscription and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Trustees and a copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Flagg.

The Librarian reported that he had renewed the subscriptions to the same Magazines as last year with the Exception of Lippincott's Magazine for which the New England Magazine had been substituted. It was Voted to frame and hang upon the walls of the Library any pictures which the Librarian may think proper. The following bills was approved

Sanford & Co. for 300 Library books $2.00

The matter of the Selection of books for the

Proceedings of the Trustees Nov. 24. 1890

Nov. Library, was taken up and the list given
24. to the Librarian with orders to complete
Con. it and, make the purchase of books
It was voted that the Librarian be au-
thorized to cause such engravings as
may now be in the possession of the
Library and such others as may be given
to the Library suitably framed and
hung in the Library
Adjourned.

Attest. George L. Wright, Clerk of the
Trustees

Feb. Proceedings of the Trustees February 16. 1891.
16/91 The Trustees met on Monday February 16. 1891.
The records of last meeting were read and
approved. The annual examination of the Library
was made and the books and other property
was found in a satisfactory condition. The
annual appraisal of the Library was made
and the certificate to the Selectmen signed as
follows. To the Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton
The undersigned Trustees of the Public Library
hereby certify that they made this day appraised
the books and other property belonging to said
Library and find the value of the same to be
$2600.00. S. M. Pettingill
Geo. L. Wright } Trustees
S. M. Winchcomb
George A. Hastings

The annual Examination of the Librarian's accounts
was made and ordered to be entered on the
records which will be the amount of fines
received this year. $1.68
The following bills were approved for payment
viz Sanford & Co. Printing $3.00
Geo. L. Wright Expressage postage
insurance & purchasing books $4.55
Voted to the Hope Hotel & Co Boston for books
purchased for the Library as ordered at
the last meeting of the Board.

1886. Bill of Dr Wolfe Fiske & Bo. for Books.
16th = 1 Little Sr. Elizabeth 98
Cou. 1 The Pansy 75
1 Moths and Butterflies 98
1 Zigzag Journeys in Northwest. 105
1 New South 66
1 Southern Planter 98
1 Dorothy's Experience 66
1 Silver Cord 66
1 Arabs Shawmolate 98
1 Smith Olivia 82
1 House lot of McNeil 82
1 Battle fields & Campfires 190
1 Brampton Sketches 66
1 Patience 82
1 Following the Guidon 98
1 Boy Travellers in Great Britain 198
1 Cabin in the Clearing 82
1 Coral & Coral Islands. 325
1 Iceland Fisherman 50
1 Pastor's Daughter 82
1 Kit and Kitty 82
1 Mistress Brooke Knoll. 82
1 Japanese Boy 66
1 Romany Singer 82
1 Margaret Kent 82
1 Samaritha among the Brethren 160
1 Come Forth 82
1 Aztec Land 98
1 Sidney 82
1 Wolfe Hall 82
1 Assultney Street 98
1 Timothy's Quest 66 $31.69
1 Some Other Folks 80
10 Oxford Donovan 35c 350
1 Eggs North American Birds 133
1 Ten Years among Mail Bags 60
1 Dorothea L. Dix 98
1 Shadow of A Dream 66
1 Real Happenings 80 $8.17
Amount Carried forward $39.86

Proceedings of the Trustees of Public Library 16 to 21 Feb

Bill of D. Nutt, Fiske & Co for Books continued

	Amount brought forward	$39.86
1	Vols. Tourist of Wide Wide World	3.80
1	Susie Yapp Holmes	1.90
1	Leonards Province House	3.00
1	Wit and Humor	1.90
1	Jones Diversions	2.00
1	Story of Dominion	3.00
5	Vols. Hayes Works. 90	4.50
1	Picturesque N. England	3.00
	In all amounting to	$62.96

The annual report of the Library Was then made up adopted and signed.

Adjourned subject to call of Chairman

Attest George L. Wright Clerk.

Report.

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 16. 1891.

The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library

Accessions

Number of Volumes in the Library Feb 15. 1890		
Increase during the year	2720	
By purchase	161	
" donation	45	
" binding	11	
Total number of Vols. in Library Feb 16. 1891		2937

Circulation

Number of volumes delivered	3461	
Highest " " " " any one day		89
March 8. 1890		49
Lowest " " " " " June 1. 1890		68
Average " " " " each day		
Number of days the Library was open		51
Number of persons registered as having used the Library Feb. 15. 1890		511
Number of persons registered during the year		22
Total number registered Feb 16. 1891.		532

Donations have been made to the Library during

the past year from the following persons.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	17
Hannah E. Bigelow M.D. Marlboro'	2
Rev. G.S. Dickerman. Amherst	1
Mrs. Everett Kendall	7
Johnstown Pa. Flood Commission	1
Hon. Henry L. Dawes U.S. Senator	3
Hon. Joseph H. Walker M.C.	11
Miss Charlotte Jones. Malden	1
Edwin F. Longley Marlboro'	2 45 vols.

The Library has also received the annual reports of several others libraries in exchange.

The subscription list of magazines and periodicals has remained the same as last year with the exception of the New England Magazine which was substituted for Lippincott's Magazine. James B. Marsh has contributed each month during the year a copy of the Wide Awake for which the thanks of the Library are due.

During the past Year the Trustees received from Mrs. Lysander Flagg of Central Falls, R.I. a framed portrait of her late husband Hon. Lysander Flagg an honored son of this Town. This portrait has been hung upon the walls of the Library and appropriate resolutions were returned to the donor for her gift.

During the month of April a communication was received by the Trustees from Hannah E. Bigelow M.D. of Marlborough donating the sum of twenty-five dollars to be used for the purchase of reference books in addition to the sums already given by her. In June the Trustees received the further sum of $500,00 from Dr. Bigelow for the purpose of establishing a fund to be known as The "June 11. 1890 Fund" the interest of which is to be used for the purchase of such books as the Trustees may deem best. The money was paid over to the Town Treasurer and deposited by him in the Worcester County Institution for Savings at Worcester and at a joint meeting of the Trustees of the Library and the Selectmen the following resolutions were unanimously passed in acknowledg

ment of the donation (The resolutions were recited in the report to the town but are omitted from this record and may be found under the proceedings of June 11 1890 on Pages 242 and 243 of this book). The Trustees would recommend that further action in acknowledgement of this donation be taken by the Town at its annual meeting. At the annual Examination of the Library the books and other property belonging to it were found in a satisfactory condition. The interest in the library during the past year has been continual and its circulation highly gratifying to the Trustees. Subjoined will be found the annual report of the receipts and Expenditures of the library and the Trustees would respectfully recommend the annual appropriation of the "Dog Fund" to its uses.

Financial Statement.

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending February 16. 1891.

Dr.

1890

To balance of appropriations and fines in Town Treasury February 15. 1890. $30.95

To balance of H. E. Bigelow donation in Town Treasury February 15. 1890. 35.33

To Amount of Dog Fund Appropriated to library 135.43

To donation received of H. E. Bigelow 25.00

Cash drawn from Town Treasury to pay Contingent Expenses of Library 89.14

Cash received of Librarian for fines and Catalogues 1890. 1.68

Received of H. E. Bigelow M. D. June 11. 1890 "Fund" 500.00

To Total Amount- $817.53.

Annual Report February 16. 1891. Concluded

Per contra, Cr.

1890 By cash paid contingent Expenses,
Paid Geo. L. Wright-services as Librarian
+Covering books March 1. 1889 to Mch 1. 1890 $63.86
" Sanford & Co. covering paper, 5.70
" " " printing 300 Supplementary
Catalogues 15 00
" Geo. L. Wright-Expressage postage
mucilage & car fare purchasing books by order of Trustees 4.58 $89.14

By cash paid on Book Account.
Paid Sanford & Co. binding magazines +
Library cards, $8.50
" DeWolfe Fiske & Co. books 184 51
" E. B. Berry subscriptions to magazines 22.90
" Mass. Society P. C. A. subscription " 50
" H. T. Bray book. 2.00 $218.41

By Total Amount-paid out; $307 55

1891.
Feb 16 Paid Town Treasurer fines + catalogues 1890 1 68

Unexpended Balance H. C. Bigelow Donation in
Town Treasury 8.30

"June 11. 1890 Fund" paid to Town Treasurer
+deposited by him in Worcester County
Institution for Savings. 500 00

By Total Amount; $817.53

There is also due the Library the interest on the "June 11. 1890 Fund" from July 1. 1890.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. Brigham
Geo. L. Wright-
Fannie M. Whitcomb
M. F. Kendall
George A. Hastings
} Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright-Librarian.

as taken from the Librarian's records for the year ending February 16, 1891.

Circulation for months of February 1890	73	Volumes
" " " March "	373	"
" " " April "	276	"
" " " May "	321	"
" " " June "	233	"
" " " July "	242	"
" " " August "	334	"
" " " September "	240	"
" " " October "	284	"
" " " November "	364	"
" " " December "	275	"
" " " January 1891	374	"
" " " February 7 "	72	"
Total Circulation for the year.	3461	Vols.

Statement of the Circulation of the Library for each year since its establishment, as taken from the Librarian's records.

Circulation for year 1880	1728	volumes
" " 1881	4371	"
" " 1882	3451	"
" " 1883	3024	"
" " 1884	3250	"
" " 1885	3339	"
" " 1886	3441	"
" " 1887	3006	"
" " 1888	3147	"
" " 1889	3363	"
" " 1890	3461	"
Total Circulation to date.	35,583	volumes,

George L. Wright Librarian

I hereby certify that the foregoing records are true and correct records of the proceedings of the Trustees for the year ending March 2, A.D. 1891.

Attest— George L. Wright— Clerk of the Trustees.

Receipts of the Trustees for the year 1891.

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants held on Monday, March 2. A.D. 1891.

Mary F. Kendall.

was chosen as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of her 15 years term of service. Making the Board now stand as follows.

Mary F. Kendall	for five years.	from March	1891
George A. Hastings	" four "	" " "	1895
George L. Wright	" three "	" " "	1894
Fannie M. Whitcomb	" two "	" " "	1893
Jeremiah M. Brigham	" one "	" " "	1892

At this meeting the vote was taken the Beq. fund returned from the County Treasurer was ordered transferred to the Library

Amount taken to
There is in Town Treasury due the Library

	$144.49
Balance of H. E. Bigelow donation	8.30
Fines and fatalogues 1890.	1.68
"June 11. 1890 Fund" on deposit in Worcester County Institution for Savings at Worcester and Interest on same from July 1. 1890.	500.00
Total Amount.	$654.47

At the above meeting the following resolution was passed. The inhabitants of the Town of Boylston in annual town meeting assembled on the second day of March A.D. 1891. heard a decree to pass upon was not in further perfect acknowledgment of their thanks and appreciation for the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) received from Dr. H. E. Bigelow of Marlboro' for the establishment of a fund known as the "June 11. 1890 Fund" for the benefit of the Public Library of this town paid to him by vote and endorse the resolutions of thanks passed by the Selectmen and Trustees in behalf of this Town and Library in accepting said donation.

Voted That these resolutions be spread upon the town records and a copy thereof be transmitted to the donor.

Proceedings of the Trustees March 10, A.D. 1891.

The Trustees met by appointment of chairman. Present full board. The records of last meeting were read and approved. The Board proceeded by ballot to an organization for the ensuing year, and

Pennimam M. Brigham was chosen Chairman.
George L. Wright was chosen Clerk and Treasurer.
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian.

Voted that the regular meetings of the Board will be held as follows. On Saturday, June 6th 1891
" " August 1st "
" " November 7th "

The last meeting to be held on or before the time named in the By-Laws of the town of Boylston which is on or before the twentieth day of February the exact time to be named by the Chairman of the Board.

Voted that the hours for holding the meetings be left with the Chairman of the Board it being understood that the Clerk shall notify each member of the time of meeting prior thereto.

Voted that if it should be impossible or inconvenient to hold the meetings at the times appointed the Chairman shall be and is hereby authorized to appoint some other time therefor.

Voted that the compensation of Librarian be fifty dollars and price for covering books as paid last year.

Voted that the Chairman confer with the Selectmen in regard to raising the amount of the insurance upon the Library and renewing the present policy which expires May 1 next, and that the Trustees recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.) be added to the present policy when the Library is re-insured.

Voted that the Librarian be authorized to have hat & coat hooks and more suitable reading tables placed in the reading room

Proceedings of the Trustees March 10. A.D. 1891 Continued

Mar. 10. voted to procure a suitable iron or wire railing or screen for the delivery desk of the Library. and the matter was left in the hands of the [illegible] The matter of election of books was taken up and with this pending voted to adjourn Subject to the call of the Chairman.

A true record Attest George L. Wright, Clerk.

" At the above meeting the following bill was approved for payment.

To pay Geo. L. Wright for services as Librarian for the year ending March 1. 1891. $50.00

for covering books " " " 16.35 $66.35

and orders granted on Selectmen for [illegible]

Attest Geo. L. Wright Clerk of Trustees.

May 2. No meeting was held by the Trustees on the first Saturday in May and by appointment of the Chairman this meeting was postponed to the first Saturday in June. Attest. Geo. L. Wright, Clerk

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June 6. The Trustees met by notice from the Chairman on Saturday June 6th 1891. Present. full board. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Chairman reported that As Town Treasurer he had renewed the policy of Insurance on the Library for five years from May 1. A. D. 1891 in the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Fitchburg for the sum of Five thousand dollars. The Policy expires May 1. A.D. 1896. Voted that the interest of the "June 11. A.D. 1890" Fund for the year ending June 1. A.D. 1891 be expended for the purchase of such books as may correspond to those now in the Bigelow Donation Voted to purchase through Nathaniel L. Kendall one copy of the Year Book of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at a cost of $2.00. Voted the thanks of the Board to the Misses Whitcomb for three framed pictures viz Portraits of John B. Gough and Hon. James A. Garfield and Henry W. Longfellow

Proceedings of Trustees June 6 A. D. 1891 cont'd

June 6th presided at this meeting. The matter of selection of books was taken up and left with this pending reappointment to the call of the Chairman. Attest Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

July 4. Approved bill of Nathaniel L. Kendall for one copy Year Book of Sons of American Revolution ordered at last meeting of Board $2.00

Expressage on same, .30

$2.30

P. M. Brigham Chairman
Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

Aug. 1. At the regular meeting of the Trustees held on Saturday August 1. 1891. Present the Chairman and Clerk. Mrs. Kendall and Geo. A. Hastings. Absent Miss Whitcomb. The records were read and approved. The Librarian submitted his quarterly statement concerning the Library. The Librarian submitted a report that he had attended to the matter of constructing Reading Tables in the Reading Room and submitted the following bill which was approved and ordered paid viz

To pay W. H. Vickery for making Reading Shelves. $2.40

Screen (Wire) for Book Counter 15.00

Total $17.40

Voted to have additional shelving constructed and the matter was left in the hands of the Librarian.

The matter of Book List was taken up and voted that the matter be left with the Librarian for completion and that he attend in person to the purchase of the books as soon as may be convenient for him to do so.

Adjourned to call of Chairman)

Attest Geo. L. Wright. Clerk.

Boylston November 1891 At the time appointed for the regular meeting of the Trustees it was not being present no meeting was held and by vote of the Chairman the Quarterly meeting stands adjourned subject to the call of any business should require a special meeting otherwise to the time of the next regular meeting. Attest Geo. S. Woodlief Clerk of Trustees

We the undersigned Trustees of the Boylston Public Library hereby approve for payment the following bills.

To pay De Volpe Fiske and Company for Books.

1	Portfolio of Etchings	6 25
"	Highways and By Ways.	4 95
"	Old Navy and New.	1 95
"	Paris of To-day	1 15
"	Jamesons Rear Column,	2 23
"	Military Essays Vol. 1	2 25
"	With Fly Rod and Camera.	3 30
"	Artists Tour in America	5 00
	The Alps.	3 34
		31 23
"	Uncle Tom Treasured.	99
"	The Choir Boy	82
"	Crusades and Castles	95
"	Famous English Authors	98
"	" European Artists	98
"	Freshman and Senior	98
"	Honda.	98
"	In Charge	70
"	Knives and Forks.	98
"	Rough Shaking	98
"	Trinothys Quest	66
"	Another Flock of Girls	1 15
"	Boys Town	80
"	Capt Cook,	39
"	Crowned out of Crowfield	99
"	Dear Daughter Dorothy	66
"	Little Redcoat,	132

Amount carried forward.

Feb. Amount Brought forward.

6	1	A Locket & Desk.	98
	"	Miss Gie Brown & Pets Adventures	82
		Stories" Toilet or "Bridgefair	82
	"	Jabbs Journey in the World	98
	"	Dix Volaisseaux.	22
		The Lawton Girl.	82
	"	The Story Keeper.	66
	"	Semi Happenings	20
	"	Recollections of Lincoln	166
	"	Tomtom le Fou.	82
		Our Common Birds	135
		She Loved a Sailor	82
		Pansies	82
		Celia Thaxter's Poems.	98
		Tales of Shoals.	82
		Old Gold Letters	82
		The Lamplighter	65
		Daughter of Eve.	98
		Christmas Gladness.	82
		The Ministers Wooing.	98
		Dr. Lorens Patient	98
	"	Stories Poems.	98
	"	The Sutherlands.	82
	"	Since the Battle was Fought	82
	"	A Sure Remedy	82
	"	Dr. Le Baron	82
	"	Story of a Bad Boy	82
		Wonder Stories.	65
	"	The Summer at Miss Lawton	98
		A Book of Girls	98
		Stories from Tiny Tales	66
		Responsible Friends	98
	"	Mary	98
	"	The Summer Bride	98
		Sea Shells	98
		Counting and Learning	98
	"	Reminiscences Notes	95
	"	Upland and Meadow	98
		Sister Dora.	82

Amount Carried forward.

Dr Wolfe Fiske, Acct Company's Bill for Books, continued

Feb. Amount Brought forward.

6.	1 The Household Guest.	33	
	" Chronicles of Bowcrest.	82	
	" Elsie Gray.	84	
	" Kennis Assured.	82	
	" Fate of the Innocents.	84	
	" Little Miss Boston	82	
	3 Vols Start in Life	197	
	" Story of a Southern	39	
	" Uncle Peter's	83	
	" Christie's Next Things	66	
	" Sydnie Asbriance	98	
	" Poetical History of Mass.	238	
	" Lu Collins	82	
	" Emigrants Story	82	
	" Under the Rays.	495	
	" Boys of North Parish	98	
	" Sampleis Poems.	98	
	" Strike in B— Mill	66	
	" Doctor Ben.	66	
	" Dorothea	66	
	" Lesson in Love.	66	
	" Happy Go-Lucky	82	
	" Little Girl Among the Mt. Hunters	132,	
	Dr Bal. carried to next Page		$105. 54

Also to pay Dr Wolfe Fiske Acc.
for Books per bill rendered. 6 15

$111. 69

To pay Sanford & Co. Binding
3 Vols. Wide Awake 40 $1. 20
1 " Harper's Magazine 50
1 " Century " 50 $2. 20

To pay E. B. Berry Subscriptions
Harper's Monthly Renewal. 3 20
" Weekly " 3 40
" Young People " 1 75
Century " 3 75
St. Nicholas " 2 70
Country Gentleman " 1 90
Frank Leslie's Illustrated " 3 45
New England Magazine 2 70 $22. 85

Bills approved February 6, 1892 Continued.

1892 Amount brought forward $126.74

Feb. 6. To pay Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals subscription to Our Friend Animals. 50

Also the balance now in hands of Clerk of Trustees $137.24
for Binding Magazines 20.00
$157.24

H. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
Geo. A. Hastings
Trustees of Public Library

Attest
Geo. L. Wright
Clerk of the Board.

Feb. 20. The Trustees met on Saturday February 20, 1892 Present the chairman, Clerk, Mrs. Kendall and Geo. A. Hastings. The records were read and approved. The annual examination of the Library was made and the books and other property was found in a satisfactory condition. The annual appraisal of the Library was made and a certificate made to the Selectmen as follows.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boylston
The undersigned Trustees of the Public Library hereby certify that they have this day appraised the Books and other Property belonging to said Library and find the value of the same to be according to our best judgement $2700.00

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
M. F. Kendall
Geo. A. Hastings
Trustees

The Annual Examination of the Librarian's Accounts was made and found to be correct, from which it appears that he has received for fines and catalogues $2,63
He has paid for Expressage Municipage and Carfare purchasing Books $6,03
and he was authorized to pay the above amount of $2,63 into the town treasury, and to draw on Treasurer by Selectmen's order for

the above sum of $6.63. The annual report of the Board was then adopted and signed. Then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Attest George L. Wright Clerk of Trustees.

Report.

The Trustees and Librarian of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 20. 1892. The following statistics will show the condition and circulation of the Library.

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library February 16. 1891.	2937
Increase during the year.	
By purchase	93
" donations	58
" Binding magazines.	5
Total number of volumes in the Library Feb. 20. 1892.	3093

Circulation.

Number of volumes delivered	3.195
Highest " " " " in any one day March 7. 1891	85
Lowest " " " " " " " August 15. "	37
Average " " " " each day	63
Number of days the Library was open	51
Number of persons registered as having used the Library February 16. 1891	532
Number of persons registered during the year.	16
Total number of persons registered to date.	548

Monthly Circulation of Books.

1891

February	145 volumes.	September	259 volumes
March	310 "	October	264 "
April	270 "	November	237 "
May	320 "	December	251 "
June	244 "	1892	"
July	229 "	January	303 "
August	260 "	February 16.	63 "
Total			3,195 volumes

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Total Circulation of the Library since its opening in 1880 ... 60 Volumes

During the past year donations have been made to the Library as follows.

U.S. Government.	6 vols
State of Massachusetts	7 "
Hyde Park Historical Society	1 "
Oliver S. Kendall, Worcester	9 "
Misses Whitcomb	26 "
Walter Baker & Co. Boston	1 "
John Vassar, Newyork.	1 "
Etna Insurance Co. Hartford Conn.	1 "
Edwin F. Longley, Marlboro' Mass	5 "
	57 "
James Eddy	1
Total	58 "

The same periodicals have been taken by subscription for the Reading Room as last year. The Library is also indebted to Mr. James B. Marsh who has contributed the Weekly Awake Each month for the Reading room, and also to the Misses Whitcomb for donations of books, and a part of the Original Communion Service of the Church in the North Precinct in Shrewsbury (now Boylston) procured by the Church upon its formation in 1742 and which was collected together by the late Mrs. John B. Gough, and also for framed portraits of Mr. Gough Henry W Longfellow and President Garfield and a copy of the Pilgrim Monument at Plymouth Mass. in bronze, presented to Mr. Gough by the Pilgrim Society. Mr Edwin F. Longley of Marlborough a native of the town has continued to remember the Library by the donations of Several volumes among them the History of Middlesex County Mass. published by D. W. Lewis & Co. Philadelphia in three volumes and the Trustees desire to return to

these and all other donors who have so kindly remembered the library during the last year the acknowledgements of the town

At the annual examination of the library the books and other property belonging to it were found in a satisfactory condition. During the past winter Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb who had served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1881 removed her residence from the town thereby causing a vacancy on the Board and the remaining members of the Board of Trustees in presenting this report desire herein to express their hearty recognition and appreciation of the earnest and faithful service which Miss Whitcomb has rendered upon the Board and for the deep and heartfelt interest which she has ever manifested for the prosperity of the library This vacancy occurring so near the close of the library year and after the annual selection of books had been made it was deemed advisable by the remaining members of the Board of Trustees and the Selectmen that the vacancy should remain unfilled until the annual meeting of the town. Subjoined will be found the annual detailed account of the receipts and Expenditures of the library, and the Trustees would respectfully recommend the usual appropriation of the "dog fund" to its uses.

Financial Statement.

Trustees of the Public Library in account with the Town of Boylston for the year ending February 20. 1892.

Dr.

1891	To fines & from catalogues in the Town Treasury Feb. 16. 1891	$1.68
	" Balance of H. L. Bigelow donation in Town Treasury Feb 16. 1891	8.30
	Carried forward.	$9.98

1891	Brought forward.		$9.98
	To amount of "dog fund" appropriated to the Library		144.49
1892 Feb 20	" Drawn from Town Treasury to pay contingent expenses.	83.75	
"	" Principal of "June 11. 1890 Fund" deposited with Worcester Co. Institution for Savings.	500.00	
"	" Interest on "June 11. 1890 Fund" to Jan. 1. 1892 in Town Treasury.	30.00	
"	" Cash received of Librarian for fines & Catalogues 1891.	2.63	
"	To the Amount.		$770.85

" 1. Per Contra, Cr.

1891	By Cash paid Contingent Expenses.		
	Paid Geo. L. Wright services as "		
	Librarian paid for various books		
	from March 1. 1890 to March 1. 1891.	$66.35	
	" H. H. Vaiboy Wire Screen for Library	15.00	
	" " " " Reading Shelves.	2.40	$83.75
	By Cash paid on book account.		
	Paid N. L. Kendall Year Book of Sons of American Revolution	$2.30	
	" De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. Books.	111.69	
	" Sanford & Co. Binding	2.20	
	" E. B. Berry Subscriptions to magazines	22.85	
	" Mass. Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals subscription to paper.	50	
	" Geo. L. Wright Express age Mileage & car-fare purchasing books	6.03	
			$145.57
1892 Feb 20	Total Amount paid out		$229.32
	Balance of appropriations unexpended in Town Treasury		8.90
	Paid Town Treasurer fines and Catalogues 1891		2.63
"	Principal of "June 11, 1890 Fund" deposited with Worcester Co. Institution for Savings,		500.00
			$740.85

Carried forward

For the year ending February 20. 1892 Concluded

Brought forward.	$740.85
Interest on "June 11. 1890 Fund" in Town Treasury to Jan. 1. 1892	30.00
Total Amount.	$770.85

All of which is respectfully submitted

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright.
W. F. Kendall
Geo. A. Hastings.
} Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright. Librarian.

A Copy Attest: Geo. L. Wright Clerk of Trustees

Statement of the Circulation of the Library for Each year since its Opening as taken from the Librarian's Records.

Circulation for year:	1880	1728 Volumes
" "	1881	4371 "
" "	1882	3451 "
" "	1883	3024 "
" "	1884	3250 "
" "	1885	3337 "
" "	1886	3141 "
" "	1887	3006 "
" "	1888	3147 "
" "	1889	3363 "
" "	1890	3461 "
" "	1891	3195 "
Total circulation to date,		38778 Volumes

Geo. L. Wright. Librarian.

I Certify That the foregoing are true and Correct records of the proceedings of the Trustees for the year ending February 20. 1892. Attest.

Geo. L. Wright. Clerk of the Trustees.

Proceedings of Trustees for year 1892.

At the annual town meeting held on Monday March 7. 1892

James H. Woods.

was chosen as a member of the board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term three years to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from town of Fannie M. Whitcomb the former member.

and

Fanniman M. Brigham.

was chosen as a member of said board of Trustees for the term of five years. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of his former term of service

making the Board now stand as follows.

Fanniman M. Brigham.	for	five	years from date expires	1897
Albert F. Kendall	"	four	" " "	1896
Frank A. Hastings	"	three	" " "	1895
George L. Wright	"	two	" " "	1894
James H. Woods.	"	one	" " "	1893

At this meeting the amount of the Dog Fund returned from the County treasurer was appropriated to the Library amounting to $141.70

The income of appropriations due Library in the town treasury is 8.90

Fines & Catalogues 1891 2.63

Interest on June 11. 1890 fund to Jan. 1. 1892 30.44

$188.63

Principal of June 11. 1890 Fund on deposit in Worcester County Institution for for Savings, Worcester Mass 500.00

$688.63

The Trustees met. Present. Geo. L. Wright, Geo. A. Hastings. James H. Woods and Mrs. Kendall.
The records were read and approved.
Voted to proceed to an organization for the ensuing year and the ballots being called for resulted in the choice of.
Putnam M. Brigham as Chairman and George L. Wright as Clerk and Treasurer.
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian

Voted that the regular meetings of the Trustees be held as follows.

On Saturday May 7th
" " August 6 "
" " November 5 "

The last regular meeting to be held on or in the time specified in them By Laws of the town which is on or before the 20th day of January.
The exact time to be fixed by the Chairman.
Voted that the hours for holding the meetings of the Board be fixed by the Chairman and that the Clerk shall notify such members of the same prior thereto.
Voted that it is meant by impossible to be convenient to hold the meetings at the times appointed the Chairman be and is hereby empowered to appoint some other time for the meeting.
Voted that the remuneration of the librarian be $150 dollars ($150.) and the same be in full payments for services by him paid last year.

Voted that the Chairman be instructed to return in proper form the thanks of the Trustees to the Misses Whitcomb and also to Edward F. Longley for the donations made by them and mentioned in the last annual report.
Voted to add to this Town Library the Statutes of American to the list of periodicals.

Attest. Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

Proceedings of the Trustees May 7. 1892.

May 7. 1892. The quarterly meeting of the Trustees stands adjourned by order of the Chairman to Wednesday Evening May 11th instant at seven o'clock. Attest Geo. L. Wright. Clerk.

May 11. 1892 – The Trustees met.

Present { Geo. L. Wright
Geo. A. Hastings
James. H. Woods.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Librarian presented his quarterly Statement which was accepted.
The matter of selection of books was taken up and the list further completed. and with the matter still pending Adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Attest Geo. L. Wright. Clerk.

Proceedings of Trustees August. 6. 1892.
The Trustees met.

Present. { P. M. Brigham
Geo. L. Wright
Geo A. Hastings
Mrs. M. F. Kendall

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved
The Librarian made his usual quarterly Statement and she reported that the list of books had been completed and the following bills were approved for payment.
To pay De Vogt Fiske & Co.
for books, as follows.

1 Four years with Gen. Lee	134
1 Dove in Eagles Nest.	67
1 Retribution	98
1 Rescue of an Old Place.	82
1 Holy of the Door	67
1 Travels among the Andes.	400

1	B. F. Butler	376
1	Landscape Gardening	284
3	vols. Die Schiller " 99	297
1	Young Stepmother	67
1	Five Little Peppers.	98
1	" " " Grown Up.	98
1	Ciphers	82
1	Dick Sands	132
1	Giant Raft.	132
1	Dollars and Cents	98.
1	Homespun Yarns	98
1	Hide Side Book	98
1	Heartsease	67
1	Hidden Hand	56
1	Old Woman in a Shoe	98
1	History of Oxford	84
1	An Entire Stranger	82
1	My Guardian	67
1	Diverse Women	98
1	Christie's Christmas	98
1	Mark Hopkins	83
1	Boy with an Idea	98
1	Flying Hill Farm	82
1	Boy Life in U. S. Navy	98
1	Derrydale Days	98
1	Sir in Peril.	67
1	That Queer Girl	15
1	Two Volunteers	67
1	Miles of Duxbury.	67
1	My Brother's Keeper	98
1	Three Fates	65
1	Queechy	98
1	Rutledge Grange	83
1	Only Girls	98
1	Four Boys	72
1	Heirings of Medbury	67
1	It Happened Yesterday	67
1	Col. Starbottle	82
1	Thirty on Her Own Resources.	65

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Proceedings of Trustees. August 6. Continued

Brought forward.

1	Signing the Contract		65
1	Joe's Luck		67
1	Signal Boys		98
1	Buy a Dozen Boys.		82
1	" " " Girls.		82
1	Hopes and Fears.		67
1	Whittier's Poems.		98
1	Golden Gossips		98
1	Marriage		65
1	Miss Bagg's Secretary		82
1	Charlie Lockman's Cruise		80
1	In Stranger People's Country		98
1	Frenchman in America		132
1	Boys Nugget		80
1	Do and Dare		80
1	Man of the House		98
1	Harvard Graduates		83
1	Redeeming the Republic		198
1	Romans Trips to Alaska		165
1	Ceylon and India		198
1	China and Japan		198
1	Siam & Java		198
1	Vassar Girls Abroad		95
1	" " at Home		95
1	Neighbor's Wives		98
1	Fortune Seeker		98
1	San Salvador		82
3	Cop. May Agnes Fleming	98	294
14	" Mary J. Holmes	95	1330
17	" Elsie Books	75	1275
			$106.33

Also to pay Dr Boyle Tisko $60. for books, as per following bill.

1 The Sea & its Wonders.	$115
1 Home with Naturalists	170
1 Short Studies from Nature	90
1 Nature's Wonder Workers	100
1 Naturalist in Siberia	67
1 Wonders of Odd Times	100

Brought forward.

1 Days out of Doors.	$1 00
1 Naturalists Rambles.	1 00
1 Waste Land Wanderings	1 00
1 Insects at Home.	2 34
	$11.06

And the Clerk was ordered to draw on the Selectmen for an Order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the above bills, and also ordered that the amount of the last mentioned bill be taken from the General Library Appropriation instead of the income of the "June 11. 1890 fund" and that the income of this fund be reserved for higher priced works.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted as submitted by the Librarian and ordered that the same be signed by the entire Board and the same be spread upon the records of the Board and a copy transmitted to the family of the late Alexander V. R. Prouty.

The Board then Adjourned Subject to the Call of the Chairman.

Attest.

George L. Wright Clerk.

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of the town of Boylston held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted

Whereas Deacon Alexander V. R. Prouty one of the original Committee chosen by the town in 1880 to establish the Public Library and a member of the Board of Trustees for ten years until March 1. 1890 and during the greater part of this time its Chairman died after a brief illness June 28. 1892 at the age of 64 years and 11 months therefore resolved that it seems but fitting

Resolutions in memory of A. L. R. Beverly, continued

that we enter upon our records some testimonial of our respect to the memory of our former associate, therefore

Resolved that the following be adopted as our tribute to his memory. While we mourn his loss and tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy we recognize with feelings of the highest satisfaction the value of his services while a member of this Board. The consideration and respect which he exhibited upon all occasions towards his associates the dignity which marked his service as its Chairman and the cordiality and good feeling which was ever manifested in all our intercourse together, We shall always hold in just estimation his worth as a man, his enterprise and unselfishness as a citizen and his devotedness and faith as a christian which was so apparent by his peaceful resignation during the long sickness which finally resulted in his death. We feel that with him

"It was not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And mid the brotherhood on high
To be at home with God".

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
M. F. Kendall
S. A. Hastings
F. H. Woods.
} Trustees of the Public Library

Brookfield August 6, 1892.

A True Record Attest Geo. L. Wright Clerk.

Proceedings of Trustees Feb. 20, 1893

The Trustees met and examined the accounts of the Librarians, Approved bills as recorded in the accounts of the Trustees. Also made the Annual examination of the Library. The Annual Appraisal of the Library was made as follows

Value of Books and other property belonging to the Library $2700.00

It was deemed expedient to have an article inserted in the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting to have the Town take some action relative to increasing the number of the Trustees of the Library to conform to the State law in order to obtain for the Library the benefit of the same which gives to the Towns complying therewith books to the value of One Hundred Dollars, to be selected by the State Library Commission & such an article was prepared and ordered to be given to the Selectmen for insertion in their Warrant.

The Annual report was also adopted and signed as appended hereto.

Attest. George L. Wright - Clerk of Trustees

Library Report. Year ending Feb. 20. 1893.

The Trustees and Librarians of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 20. 1893

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library Feb. 20. 1892	3093
Increase during the year.	
By donation	21
" purchase	116
" binding magazines	3
Total number of volumes in the Library Feb. 15. 1893.	3233

Circulation

Number of Volumes delivered	3268
Highest " " " " in any one day Jan. 14 + 21 1893	83
Lowest " " " " " " July 9. 1892	41
Average " " " " each day	64
Number of days the Library was open	51
" " persons registered as having used the Library	578

Monthly Circulation of Books.

February	1240 vols	May	229 vols.	August	241 vols	November	238
March	276 "	June	223 "	September	289 "	December	336
April	309 "	July	275	October	339 "	January	302

Report of Trustees & Librarian for the year

Remaining in Vt. 2068 Vols. Total 3268 Vols.
Total circulation of library since opening 42,046 Vols.

During the past year donations have been received from different persons to all of whom the personal acknowledgments of the Trustees are due, the same periodicals as last year have been taken by subscription.

The Trustees spend a few days of this library year upon the annual examination of the books in town & some satisfactory conclusion.

The Trustees would call attention to the fact that all the material for the annual report relating to the accomplishment of the By Laws by the librarian is that the same must be in the recent State Library Act and has made the library to avail itself of the bounty of the State which by an act of the Legislature grants books to the value of One hundred dollars to the public libraries of the smaller towns of the State.

During the past year the Trustees have been called upon to record the death of the first one among those who have served upon the Board since the Opening of the library. Deacon A. V. R. Prouty died June 28, 1892 at the age of 64 years and 11 months, he was one of the original committee chosen in 1880 to establish the library and served upon the Board of Trustees until March 1, 1890 and during the greater part of the time was its chairman. The Trustees in presenting this report desire to express their appreciation of the value of his services to the library and a just estimation of his worth as a man and his enterprise and unselfishness as a citizen. As

Ending March 1 1893. Continued

Elegant and life-like portrait of him has been placed in the library by his widow for which the Trustees desire to express their acknowledgement.

Subjoined will be found the annual detailed accounts of the receipts and Expenditures of the library and the Trustees would respectfully recommend the appropriation of the "dog fund" to its uses.

Financial Statement.

Dr.

Balance of Appropriations in town treasury Feb. 15. 1892,	$ 90
Amount fines & catalogues 1891 in Treasury Feb. 15 1892	263
To amount of dog fund appropriated to library	146 70
To drawn from town treasury to pay contingent expenses	62 12
Feb 20 1892 to principal and interest of "June 11, 1890 fund"	530 40
To cash received for fines and catalogues for 1892.	123
	$751. 98

Cr.

By cash paid Contingent Expenses. Paid Librarian's Salary & covering books from March. 1. 1891 to March 1. 1892	$ 62. 12
By Cash paid On Book Account.	
Paid De Wolfe Fiske & Co Books	$ 117. 39
" Samford Lauriat Co. binding	6. 40
" E. B. Berry Subscriptions to magazine	22 75
" freight and express age on books	5. 34
Total Amount paid out	$ 151. 98
Feb. 20. 1893 Balance of Appropriations and fines in Town Treasury	7. 48
Principal & interest of "June 11. 1890" Fund unexpended	530. 40
Total Amount.	$ 751. 98

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Report of Trustees & Librarian Continued.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. Brigham
George L. Wright
George A. Hastings
James H. Woods.
} Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright Librarian.

Statement of the circulation of the library each year since its opening as taken from the Librarians Records.

For the year	1880	1728 vols.
" "	1881	4371 "
" "	1882	3451 "
" "	1883	3024 "
" "	1884	3250 "
" "	1885	3339 "
" "	1886	3441 "
" "	1887	3006 "
" "	1888	3147 "
" "	1889	3363 "
" "	1890	3461 "
" "	1891	3195 "
" "	1892	3268 "
Total circulation to date		42046 vols.

Geo. L. Wright Librarian.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct records of the Trustees for the year ending February 20, 1893.

Attest.

George L. Wright, Clerk
of the Trustees

Records of the Trustees for the year. 1893.

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston held on Monday the sixth day of March 1893. it was Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890 and that the By Laws of the Town governing the Public Library be amended in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1888 So that the Board of Trustees shall hereafter consist of six persons chosen and to hold office in conformity to the provisions of said Chapter 304 Acts of 1888. and Whereas there are now two vacancies existing in said Board of Trustees and the remaining members of said Board having unexpired terms of one. two and three years each to serve.
Voted that the Town now proceed to elect three persons by ballot in addition to the present remaining members of the Board for the term of one. two and three years Respectively who with said remaining members shall constitute said Board of Trustees And that hereafter all vacancies in said Board of Trustees be filled as is provided by the said Chapter 304 Acts of 1888. And that said Trustees shall annually elect from their number a Treasurer who shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as is required by said Chapter 304 Acts of 1888.
Voted to proceed to elect by ballot under the above vote three Trustees of the Public Library who with the remaining members of said Board shall constitute the Board of Trustees and the following persons were Chosen.

For one. Year	Charles E. Smith
" two years	Calvin H. Andrews.
" three "	James H. Woods.

Thus making the entire Board of Trustees of

1893

Records of Trustees. for the year. 1893.

the Public Library to stand as follows viz,
For one year
George L. Wright. term expires March 1894
Charles E. Smith " " " "
For two years.
George A. Hastings " " " 1895
Calvin H. Andrews " " " "
For three years.
Mrs. Mary F. Kendall " " " 1896
James H. Woods. " " " "

At this meeting voted that the Amount of the Dog Fund returned from the County Treasurer be appropriated to the benefit of the Public Library.
A true Copy from the Town Records.
Attest George L. Wright Town Clerk,

Statement of funds belonging to Boylston Public Library

Unexpended balance of appropriations & fines due Library in Town Treasury	$7.48
Amount of Dog Fund.	146 18
Principal June 11. 1890 Fund on Deposit in Worcester Co. Institution for Savings, Bank Book in custody of Town Treasurer	500. 00
Unexpended interest on same in hands of Town Treasurer	30. 40
Interest on same Fund in Bank	20. 10
Total Amount.	$704, 17

We the undersigned Trustees of the Public Library of the Funds of said Library we also certify that at the annual meeting were voted to accept the provisions of the Public Library Acts in accordance with said acts the Trustees have elected Geo A Hastings all funds belonging to the Library who has given bonds which are with Geo. L. Wright Town Clerk of said town according to law, & are Entered. Boylston May 6. 1893— Geo. L. Wright. James H. Woods.

Proceedings of Trustees March 11th 1893.

The records were read and approved.

Voted to proceed to an organization for the ensuing year. The ballots were called for and brought in and George L. Wright was chosen Chairman
James H. Woods Clerk
George A. Hastings Treasurer

George L. Wright was then chosen Librarian

Voted that the Librarians compensation be the same as last year viz $ 50.00 and three cents per volume for receiving books.

Voted that the regular meetings of the board be held as follows, on
Saturday May 6th
" August 5th
" November 4th
With the same arrangement as relates to the regular meeting in February Notifications of and Postponements as was in force last year.

The matter of Selecting books for the Library was taken up and with this pending, Adjourned to call of the Chairman

Attest James H. Woods Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of of the Town of Boxboro held on Monday 6th day of March 1893 the of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts & that under said vote & in one of their number as Treasurer of the Board to receive & hold have been approved by the Selectmen of said Town & duly filed have this day transferred to his care the books of the Treasurer of sd.
Calvin H. Andrews, Charles L. Smith Trustees of Public Library.

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Proceedings of Trustees Mar 6th 1893

The Trustees met at the Librarian's Room pursuant to the records of last meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian submitted the quarterly statement concerning the Library

The books of the Treasurer were examined by Geo A Watson the Finance Committee, & having filed the necessary bond required by law as per certificate recorded herewith.

The following bill was presented for payment, & the Sec'y was directed to draw his order for same.

Services as Librarian from March 1st '92 to March 1st 1893	$50 00
Covering 440 Volumes @ 03	13 20
In all amounting to	$63 20

The matter of selecting books was then taken up, and other selections, and with the list still pending, voted to adjourn to call of Chairman.

Attest J H. Novels Clerk.

Proceedings of Trustees Feb 8th 1893

The Trustees met Feb 3rd 1893 the full board present.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian presented her quarterly report.

The Chairman then read a communication from the Hon Chas B. Bunt of Worcester presenting the Library with an elegant volume entitled "Massachusetts of today" Voted that the Clerk be authorized to acknowledge the gift.

The following bills were then approved

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co for Books.

1	Reindeer, Dogs and Snow shoes	2 00
1	Adrift in Apache Land	1 [illegible]
1	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	Land of Desolation	1 15
1	Wild Sports of the World	1 65
1	Deeply Hunting Grounds	1 10
1	Forest Life	1 00
1	Boyhood of Martin Luther	88
1	Peasant Boy Philosopher	88
1	Wonders of Science	88
1	My Afingi Kingdom	98
1	Cowdrey & the Dwarfs	98
1	Freedom Triumphant	2 00
1	Thrift	[illegible]
1	Duty	63
1	Miss Bisland Travel Sketches	88
1	Days and Nights in Tropics	1 15
1	Silver City	34
1	Wild Mormons of Montezuma	[illegible]
1	Ned Harwoods Visit	88
1	From the Hudson to the Neva	88
1	Inspiration Duty	67
1	Hazard of New Fortune 2 Vols	1 33
1	Shadow of a Dream	67
1	Anne	88
1	East Angels	88

Amount carried forward.

1893

Library Books & Rules &c Continued

1	Ladies Dinotone.	67
1	Lorna Doone	67
1	Judge Burnhams Daughter.	98
1	Interrupted.	98
1	One Commonplace Day	98
1	Silla Fiches and the Net	98
1	Sidney Martins Xmas	98
1	Duck of Aldew Farm.	83
1	Wicked and Wanting	98
	Whats Mines Mine	98
1	Donald Grant.	98
1	Alec Forbes	98
1	American Authors	67
1	Pleasant "	67
1	Brave Girls	98
1	Tilting at Windy Mills	98
1	[illegible]	67
1	World of Chance.	98
	[illegible]	98
	[illegible]	67
1	Underborough	83
1	Old Womans Outlook	67
1	Mate of the Easter Bell	67
1	Samantha on Race Problem	1 50
	[illegible]	83
1	Beauty & Form &c	1 17
1	Our Cycling Tour in New Eng	1 00
1	The Danube	1 65
1	Our Canadian Frontier	1 65
1	Work from a Car Window	83
1	Making of Newspaper	83
1	Our Italy	1 65
1	Between Two Loves	80
1	The Hoyden	67
1	House Hunting in Europe	98
1	Woman & the Higher Education	67
1	Doctor Pascal	67
1	The Refugees	1 15
1	Story of My Life	83

Amount Carried Forward.

Amount brought forward

1	Fore in Ambush	[illegible]
1	Found Wanting	[illegible]
1	Poland.	[illegible]
1	Ovoles Daughter	[illegible]
1	An Adventure in Photography	[illegible]
1	How to know Wild Flowers	[illegible]
1	Singer from the Sea	[illegible]
1	Love affairs of an old Maid	[illegible]
1	Grisly Grisell	66
1	Brotherhood of Consolation	[illegible]
1	Brown Retreat	67
1	Berthe Wrays New Name	95
1	Single Adventures of	100
1	Marked Personal	67
1	Heather and Snow	78
1	In Fetters	65
1	In Blue Uniform	67
1	Many Inventions	100
1	Strolling Players	67
1	Witch of Salem	100
1	Strange Sight Abroad	82
1	Doctor Latimer	88
1	Dearest	83
1	Donald Marcy	83
1	John Boyet	83
1	Town Hazelgrantes	83
1	Story of a Story	49
1	Mr Tommy Dove	67
1	Old Kaskaskia	83
1	Law of Psychic Phenomena	100
1	Youth	75
1	Courtship — Cathedral.	67
1	Tragedy of Wild River Valley	88
1	Children of the King	67
1	Pietro Alnden	67
1	Two of Them	83
1	Complaining Millions of Men	83
1	Great Shadow	67
1	Adventure of Sherlock Holmes	100

Amount carried forward

1898

Proceedings of Trustees Continued

Amount brought forward		
Social Stories Glass	1 00	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
Stamps & Postage	2 38	
Overmortals	67	
Amount of Bills		103 91

To Jas E. B. Berry Subscriptions

Harpers Weekly	3 40	
" Monthly	3 20	
" Young People	1 75	
Frank Leslies Ill	3 45	
Scribner	2 70	
Century	3 75	
St Nicholas	2 70	
New England	2 70	
Country Gentlemen	1 90	
Review of Reviews	2 50	
Amount of Bill		28 05

To [illegible] Co. for Paper.

1/2 Rm 30 & 40 lbs Manila		4 50

To Jay George L Wright

Express on Books Stamps &c		5 50

Meeting then adjourned to Monday Eve'g Feb 19th

Attest J. H. Woods
Clerk of the Trustees

Proceedings of Trustees Feb 19th 1891

The Trustees met Feb 19th
The records read & approved.
The Annual appraisal of the Library
was made as follows. Value of
books and other properties belonging
to the Library $2800.00. The annual
examination of the Library was
then made and the report to be
presented to the town adopted &
signed as appended to this record.

Attest J. H. Woods Clerk.

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

The undersigned Trustees of the Public Library
respectfully present the following report for the year
ending February 20, 1891.

Accessions

Number of Volumes in the Library Feb 18th	3253	
Increase during the year:		
By donation	7	
" purchase	107	
" binding magazines	1	
Total number of Vol Feb 19th 1891		3368

Circulation

Number of Vols delivered	3234
Highest number delivered in any one day since 18th	92
Lowest " " " " " Sept 30th	45
Average number delivered each day	63
Number of days the Library was open	41
Total circulation of the Library since its opening	4352

The following magazines and Periodicals have
been placed on the reading room table during
the year. Harpers Monthly. Harpers Illustrated
Weekly. Harpers Young People. Frank Leslies Ill
Newspaper. Century St Nicholas. New England
Magazine. Scribners Magazine. Review of Reviews
Country Gentleman and Our Dumb Animals

Report Continued

Donations of books have been made by various persons & the gift of Miss Lucy Stone & the bequest of the late Mrs Abby Morrison Kelley Foster & Charles K Post of Trustees of a copy of Massachusetts Soldiers Enlisted in connection with the Worlds Fair is worthy of special mention.

The trustees are gratified to notice the very general use made of the Library by the teachers, in connection with their work in the public schools. One of the pressing needs of the Library for which the town should make provision at no distant day is a new Catalogue. Such need will be found in the annual financial statement of the Library and the Trustees would respectfully recommend the appropriation of the Dog Fund to the use of the Library.

Financial Statement

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Received of Town Treasurer balance of fines in treasury, Feb 20th 1893.	7 48	
Received of town amount of Dog Fund	146 19	
Received of Librarian fines 1893	1 39	
Drawn from town treasury to pay Contingent Expenses	63 20	
"To amount of "June 11 1890 Fund" Feb 20 94	573 92	
Total		792 18

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By paid Contingent Expenses		
Librarians Salary and Cleaning books from March 1st 1892 to March 1st 1893.	6	68 20
By paid sundry bills		
D. Wolfe Tilden & Co. Books	103 71	
C B Bean subscriptions to Magazines	28 05	
Sanford Sawtelle Co. binding	5 00	
" " Covering paper	4 50	
Freight expressage postage Stationery and miscellaneous	2 50	146 96
Total amount paid out		146 96

Report Continued

Balance of fines and offences in hands
of Treasurer of Trustees 5 00
Amount of "John 11. 1890 Fund. Feb 20th 194 573 92
Total amount 772 18

All of which is respectfully submitted.

George L. Wright. Chairman.
James H. Woods Clerk.
George A. Hastings Treasurer.
M. F. Kendall.
Charles E. Smith
Calvin H. Andrews
Trustees of Public Library.

George L. Wright Librarian

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct records of the Trustees for the year ending February 20th 94

Attest
J. H. Woods. Clerk of the Trustees.

At the annual meeting of the Town held on Monday March 1894. Geo L Wright and Charles E. Smith were chosen members of the board of Trustees of the Public Library. Making the board now stand as follows.

For one year
Geo. A. Hastings time expires March '95
Calvin H Andrews " " " '95

For two years
Mrs Mary F. Kendall " " " '96
James H. Woods " " " '96

For Three years
Geo. L. Wright " " " '97
C. E. Smith " " " '97

Proceedings of Trustees for 1894

March 18th 1894 Town Warrant of Mar 94
To see if the Town will transfer the June 11 1840
fund belonging to the Public Library now on
deposit in the Worcester County Institution
for Savings in the name of the Town Treasurer,
to the name of the Trustees of the Public
Library in order to comply more fully
with the State Library Act.

Dennys

Voted that the proper officers be
authorized to transfer the June 11 1840 fund
belonging to the Public Library now on deposit
in the Worcester County Institution for Savings
in the name of the Town to the Trustees of
the Public Library in order to comply with
the requirements of the State Library Act, and
to enable them to hold said fund in
accordance with said Act.

Proceedings of the Trustees March 17th 1894.

The Trustees met March 17th the full board
being present. The records of the last meeting
were read and approved. The Board
proceeded by ballot to organization for
the ensuing year

George B. Wright was chosen Chairman
James H Woods was chosen Clerk
Geo. A Hastings was chosen Treasurer
George L. Wright was chosen Librarian.

Voted that the Librarian receive
$50.00 for his services and Three cents per
copy for covering books.

Voted that our next meeting be left to
the call of the Chairman.

J. H. Woods Clerk

Proceedings of Trustees Oct 18th 1895.

The Trustees met Monday evening Oct 18th 1895 George L. Wright, George A. Hastings and [illegible] being present. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The trustees adopted suitable resolutions acknowledging donation of an Elegant portrait of the late Henry H. Brigham of this town, also in memory of the late Hon Phineas Ball Ex Mayor of Worcester and Ex. Longley Esq of Marlboro both natives of this town and donors to the Library. Copies of which resolutions are appended to this record.

The annual appraisal of the Library was made as follows. Value of books and all property belonging to the Library $2875.00

After the report of the trustee to the town was read, adopted and signed, the meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

Following is a list of bills approved at this meeting.

De Wolfe, Fiske & Co for books.

1	Paul and Virginia	1 00
1	Farmer Boy	1 67
1	Country School in New Eng	1 67
1	Chris the Model Maker	1 00
1	On the Old Frontier	1 00
1	Little Smoke	1 00
1	Battle of New York	1 00
1	Patriot School Master	1 00
1	Boys of Greenway Court	1 00
1	In the Boyhood of Lincoln	1 00
1	Log School House	1 00
1	John Boyds Adventures	1 00
1	We All	1 00
1	King Tom and the Runway	1 00
1	Paul Jones	67
1	Midshipman Paulding	67
1	Little Jarvis	67
1	Straight On	1 00

Proceedings of Trustees Feb 18th Continued

1	Through Colonial Doorways	83
1	Two Girls	83
1	Colonial Days and Dames	83
1	Bill Nye's U.S.	1 33
1	Birds about us	1 33
1	Travels in a Tree top	83
1	Jig Saw on Mediterranean	1 00
1	Million Pound Bank Note	67
3	Vols Rocky Mt Series	2 40
1	Clumsy McPhinson	82
1	Old Colony Town	83
1	No Gentleman	83
1	Marion Daiche	67
1	Larry	67
1	Lyndice Shuburne	1 00
1	Duffels	83
1	Native of Hindoo	83
1	Rachel Stanwood	83
1	Customs and Fashions of Old 1 2	83
1	Prince of India 2 Vols	1 67
1	Sweet Bell out of Tune	83
1	Treasures of the Waishes	83
1	Polly Oliver's Problem	67
1	Micah Clarke	1 17
1	Heavenly Twins	67
1	Beulah	1 12
1	Infelice	1 28
1	Macaria	1 12
1	St Elmo	1 28
1	Lady with Rubys	67
1	By his own Might	83
1	Throw Hand to Hand	67
1	Margarethe	67
1	Vail Forbodings	67
1	Little Moorland Princess	67
1	Only a Girl	67
1	Helen Glenn	83
1	Esthers Fortunes	83
1	Squires Daughter	83

Proceedings of Trustees Feb 18th Continued

1	For Honor Sake	83	
1	Katherine Lauderdale	1 33	
1	Maid in Chancery	67	
1	Mr Wayte Miss Fielder	67	
1	Humble Romance &c 2 vols	1 66	
1	Faith that Makes Faithful	83	
1	Marcella	1 33	
1	Home Scenes & Heart Studies	67	
1	World must Carry Well	83	
1	Study in Scarlet	67	
1	Dan of Millbrook	1 00	
1	Coaching Days	1 33	
1	School and Masters of Scripture	2 00	
1	Highland Cousins	1 17	
1	Margaret Arnolds Trial	1 33	
1	Sweet Clover	83	
1	Uncle Piper	27	
1	Hope Benham	1 00	
1	Not Quite 18	83	
1	Out of Step	83	
1	Perly cross	1 17	
1	Three Boys in an Electric Boat	67	
1	In Varying Moods	67	
1	Amid Greenlands Snows	60	
1	Bundle of Letters	38	
1	How two Girls lived Farming	67	$78.78

Proceedings of Trustees 1 - 15th Continued

Resolutions

In the Passing of Hon Daniel Bull & Mayor of the City of Worcester. Born in Boylston June 18th 1824
Died in Worcester Dec 19th 1894.

Edwin F. Longley,
Born in Boylston May 29th 1844,
Died in Marlboro Jan 1895.

Both our Fellow citizens of this town and many who always took a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of its people, and institutions. Especially the Library which they have remembered from time to time with generous and valuable donations of books. Therefore it seems fitting that we as Trustees should place upon our records some testimonial of our regard and esteem.

Therefore Resolved that the following be adopted.

We recognize in Mr Bull a man who in all his conduct as well as his official positions ever acted with a high sense of honor strict integrity, and eminent usefulness. In his private life he won the love and esteem of all his associates, and was noted upon a firm deep and devoted christian basis. In his professions he gained the highest rank and won in a high degree the confidence and respect of his fellow men.

Mr Longley was a man of distinctly diverse tastes, a business man in the strictest sense of the word, capacious, enterprising and he was a leading spirit in all his undertakings, was actuated with a sense of moral duty and high responsibility & achieved well his financial success & showed a enduring foundation for integrity among the citizens of his adopted City. We feel with them it is "but but we may more than pass our allowed road. Tomorrow angel on the path we may proceed. Perhaps as we fall, and know them the next "Straightway relieved them from life's many load"

At a meeting of Library Trustees.

Whereas the Public Library of the Town of Boylston, having received as a donation from a portrait of the late Jonas Hardings Brigham Esquire, a native of the town and for many years one of its most prominent citizens, for nearly thirty eight years Town Clerk, for twelve years one of the Selectmen, for many years a member of the School Committee, twice representing the town in the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and for more than forty years one of the Deacons of the Congregational Church, a man whose service in the town, community, and church, will ever reflect honor and credit upon his faithfulness, ability, integrity, and usefulness. Therefore

Resolved - that the Trustees in the name of the Town accept this donation and desire hereby to express their thanks to the family of the late Dea Brigham for the same, as well as to place upon their records this testimonial of their regard for the memory of their late townsman, who in life ever cherished the deepest interest in the Library, and in what ever else tended to promote the Educational, Social, and vital interests of the Town and its people.

Ordered that the above be spread upon the records of the Trustees, and copies thereof be sent to Tenneman M. Brigham, Mrs Henrietta M. (Brigham) Andrews and Calvin H. Andrews the donors, and that the portrait be hung upon the walls of the Library

Attest

George L. Wright, Chairman
James H. Woods Clerk.
For the Trustees.

Report of Trustees of Public Library

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15th 1895.

Accessions

Number of Volumes Feb 15, 1894		3392
Increase during the year:		
By donation	29	
" Purchase	123	
binding Magazines	9	
Total Number of Vols Feb 15th 1895		3553

Circulation.

Number of Vols delivered	3312
Highest number of Vols delivered in any one day, Feb 17th 1894	88
Lowest number of Vols delivered in any one day June 30th	44
Average number of Vols delivered each day	65
Number of days the Library was open	51
Total circulation of Library since its opening	1651
Number of names registered to date	624

Additions have been made to the subscription list of periodicals during the past year, and at the present time fourteen Magazines, Monthlies and Weeklies are regularly placed on the reading room table, and are extensively perused by the patrons of the Library. The year has been one of general prosperity to the Library, and its circulation has exceeded that of the preceding year.

During the past year donations of books have been received from various friends of the Library, to whom we would return the acknowledgments of the Board. Especially do we wish to thank the family of the late Hon Henry H Bingham who has for so many years been Clerk, one of the Selectmen and since the Incorporation of the town in the County Court for the County and City like

portrait of him presented to the Library. This has been placed upon the wall of the reading-room and appropriate resolutions of thanks transmitted to the family. Also during the past year Hon Phinehas Ball ex-mayor of Worcester and Mr Edwin F. Longley of Marlboro, both natives of the town, and who had frequently manifested their continued interest in it by valuable donations of books to the Public Library, were called from the scenes of life by the hand of death. Appropriate resolutions of respect to their memory were adopted by the trustees and ordered spread upon the records. Arrangements have been made with the State Library Commission by which the town will soon receive its share of books from the State under the recent library act.

To conclude the trustees present their annual financial statement, and in conclusion respectfully recommend the appropriation of the "Dog fund" for the benefit of the Library.

Financial Statement.

Dr to Cash Received

Balance to fines and appropriations Feb 22 '94	$ 10	
Receivd from Town Treasurer account of Dog fund	157 84	
Receivd from Librarian for fines and catalogues	1 13	
Drawn from town treasury to pay outstanding Expenses	65 81	
To amount of "June 11 1890 fund" Jan 17 1895	573 02	$ 825 08

Cr by Cash paid out

Paid Librarians Salary and Cleaning books from Mar 1 '93 to Mar 1 '94	43 41	
Paid Sanford Sawtelle & Co for binding Magazines	4 50	
Paid Sanford Sawtelle & Co for Magazines for 1895	31 10	
Paid P. H. Dickson for Heating 1 Winter	4 00	
" DeWolf, Fiske & Co for books	15 75	
" Sanford Sawtelle & Co for books	42 84	
And Carried forward		221 72

Report of Trustees of Public Library Continued.

Am't brought forward	224 72	
Paid Geo. E. Wright for freight, Expressage,		
postage, Stationery, &c	5 00	
Total amount paid out		229 72
Balance unexpended gifts and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	2 74	
Amount of "June 11 1870 Fund" Feb 9 '93	593 62	596 36
Total		828 08

All of which is respectfully submitted

George E. Wright, Chairman
James H. Woods Clerk
George A. Hastings Treasurer.
Mary F. Kennicott
Wilbur H. Andrews
Charles E. Smith
Trustees of Public Library

Geo. E. Wright Librarian.

I hereby certify that the foregoing records are true and correct transcripts of the proceedings of the trustees for the year ending March 1st 1893.

Attest

James H. Woods Clerk of Trustees.

Proceedings of Trustees March 7th 1896.

Trustees met Saturday evening March 7th all members of the board being present.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Trustees organized for the ensuing year as follows.

George L. Wright was chosen	Chairman
James H. Woods	Clerk
George A. Hastings	Treasurer
George L. Wright	Librarian.

Voted that the Librarians salary for the ensuing year be Forty dollars ($40.00) and Three cents per volume for carrying books.

Voted that the interest of the Bigelow fund be expended for books of the same class as the ones already given by Mrs Bigelow. A list of books to be selected later.

Voted that the meetings for the ensuing year be left to call of the Chairman.

As there was no other business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned to Call of the Chairman

Attest J. H. Woods Clerk

Proceedings of Trustees Jan 18th 1896

Trustees met Saturday evening Jan 18th

Present – Mrs Kendall. Geo L. Wright. Geo A. Hastings and James H. Woods.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The matter of selection of books was then taken up. After looking through the list, it was approved as far as made out, the Librarian to complete the list and make the purchase at once. The following bills were approved for payment. Sanford Sawtelle & Co for Magazine $3.10

" " " " Binding ink 1.70

After approving and signing above bills the meeting adjourned to call of the Chairman Attest J. H. Woods Clerk.

Bill of DeWolfe Fiske & Co for books Feb 14 1896

1	Our Common Speech	84
1	Under the Old Elms	66
1	The Kings Peace	1 00
1	Literary Pilgrimages	84
1	Century Worlds Fair Book	75
1	Laurel of Pluck	1 00
1	Book of Sports	1 17
1	Boss Broccio	1 33
1	London Idyll	84
1	Oakleigh	83
1	Mary of a Maid	84
1	Chronicles of Count Antonio	1 00
1	Beatrice of Bayou Folk	83
1	Master of Musicians	1 00
1	The Towers	84
	The One Who Looked On	66
1	Master and Man	84
1	Mary St John	83
1	Only the Governess	84
1	Queenie Whim	83
1	Uncle Max	50
1	Trilby	1 17
1	Peter Ibbetson	1 00
1	The Demester	50
1	Around the Red Lamp	1 00
1	Sybil Knox	66
1	New Harry and Lucy	84
1	What to Do	20
1	Just	20
1	Pushed by Unseen Hands	66
1	Angel Visits to my Farm	67
1	Amos Judd	50
1	Gathering Clouds	1 33
1	Colonial Dames	67
1	Gypsy Breynton	1 00
1	Rags and Velvet Gowns	34
1	Marie	33
1	Narcissa	34
1	Penelope Prig	66
		$30 04

Bill of DeWolfe Fiske & Co for Books Feb 14 1896.

	Forward.	80 34
1	Every Inch a Soldier	67
1	Story of Babette	1 00
1	The Golden Hours	1 33
1	Doreen	1 00
1	Piccino	1 00
1	The Manxman	1 00
1	Hero Tales of Ireland	1 34
1	Sherburne House	1 00
1	" Cousins	1 00
1	Peak and Prairie	66
1	The Royal Road	1 00
1	Spinsters Quartet.	84
1	Story of Lawrence Leith	83
1	Big Cypress	67
1	American Peeress	66
1	Romance of Dollard.	84
1	A Perfect Adonis	83
1	An Utter Failure.	84
1	Fellow and his Wife	83
1	No Figures	50
1	Cheering Up Business	84
1	A Soulless Singer	83
1	For a Woman.	67
1	Tragedy of the Unexpected.	83
1	Daniels Ghost	84
1	Madam Lucas	66
1	Leone	67
1	House of Martha.	83
1	White Crown	84
1	Comings of Thesdora	83
1	Capt Davys Honeymoon.	66
1	Jack Munro Teller	1 00
1	Madelins Recue	67
1	Farmulas Flowers of Garden & Field	1 99
1	Knight of the White Cross	1 00
1	Through Russian Snows	1 00
1	Tiger of Mysore	1 00
1	Grimms Fairy Tales	75
1	2 Little Pilgrims Progress.	1 00

Bill of D. Wolfe Tiske & Co for Books Feb 14 96

	Forward		
1	Hermias Triumphs	1 00	
1	Daughter of the Tenement	1 17	
1	Eunice Prince	83	
1	[illegible] Gift	67	
1	Philip and his Wife	84	
1	The Old Garden	83	
1	His Two Wives	1 00	
1	Golden Justice	84	
1	House of a Merchant Prince	83	
1	Detmold	84	
1	His Vanished Star	83	
1	Mystery of Witch face Mt	84	
1	Down the Ravine	66	
1	Gardening for Profit	1 34	
1	Beginners A Writing	1 16	
1	Land of the Sun	1 17	
1	Knight of Liberty	1 00	
1	In Scribner Lands	1 00	
1	Jig Jag on the Nile.	1 00	
1	" " " " Levant	75	
1	Poems of the Farm	1 66	
1	Old Boston	1 67	
1	Frank in the Forecastle	83	
1	Boy Traders	84	
1	Old Mans Club	66	
1	One Rich Mans Sons.	60	
1	One Woman Story	84	
1	Across India	83	
1	Facts I Ought to Know	67	
1	Fort Wayne	84	
1	Literary Shrines	83	
1	Bartlett Quotes	2 00	
1	Hill Cave of Yucatan	1 33	
1	Gobel Dic. Cape Horn	1 17	
1	Minute Man on Frontier	83	$98 47

Approved } Trustees
Geo. E. Wright } Public Library

Attest J. F. Woods Clerk

Report of Library Trustees

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb 15 1896.

Accessions.

Number of Vol Feb 15 1895.	3553
Increase during the Year.	
By donations	63
" Purchase.	147
" Binding Magazines	6
Total number of Vol Feb 15 1896	3769

Circulation

Number of Vol delivered	3136
Highest No of Vol delivered in any one day, March 9 1895.	99
Lowest No of Vol delivered in any one day Oct 12 1895.	30
Average No of Vol delivered each day	62
Number of days the Library was open	50
Total circulation of Library since its opening	31728
Number of Names registered to date	686

List of Magazines on Reading Table.

Harpers Weekly. Harpers Monthly. Harpers Round Table. Leslie Ill Weekly. Rural New Yorker. Country Gentleman. Century. St Nicholas. Cosmopolitan. Scribners Magazine. Nursery Magazine. New England Magazine. Our Church Annual. Home Market Bulletin.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the Library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the Library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgements of the town. A list comprising One Hundred dollars worth of books has been selected by the State Library Commission, and the Trustees are now waiting the receipt of the books. Forty two Volumes, mainly of scientific reports and agricultural works together with a framed portrait of the late Hon Phinehas Ball

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been received from his family. A volume of the autobiography of the late John B Gough has also been donated by Jabez W. Warren of Worcester. The trustees have been pleased to note the increased use of the Library by the teachers and pupils of the public schools. The Public Library and the public schools are the two great factors in raising the standard of popular Education, and the use of the one in connection with the work of the other is especially gratifying.

Financial Statement

Dr to Cash received.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1 1895	2 74
Received from town Treasurer, amount of Dog Fund	167 14
Received from Librarian, for fines &c	1 38
Drawn from town treasury to pay contingent expenses	90 18
To amount of "June 11 1895 Fund" Jan 1st 1896	618 22
Total	$879 66

Cr by Cash paid out.

Paid Librarian salary and Carrying books from Mar 1 94 - Mar 1 95	62 90
Paid for Heating and repairs in Library room.	27 28
Paid Rogers & Noble & Co for binding Magazines &c	11 70
Paid Library Bureau & Co for Blanks for 1896	31 10
Paid Boston Book Co for Books	44 32
Paid D. D. Wolfe, Fiske & Co for Books	98 47
Paid George L. Wright for Miscellaneous, Expressage, postage and Stationary	2 25
Total amount paid out	278 02
By amount of "June 11 1895" Fund Jan 11 1896	601 64
Total	879 66

All of Which is respectfully submitted,

George L. Wright Chairman
James H. Woods Clerk.
George A. Hastings Treasurer.
W. F. Kendrick.
Trustees of Public Library

George L. Wright Librarian.

Proceedings of the Trustees March 14 1876

A meeting of the Trustees was held, present the full Board & were present.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

George E. Wright Chairman
James H. Woods Clerk.
George A. Hastings Treasurer.
George E. Wright Librarian.

Voted that the Librarians Salary for the ensuing year be $50,00 Fifty dollars and $3 dollars be cut for covering books.

Voted that the Clerk procure number pages & price of the different Encyclopaedias.

Voted to purchase part I and part II of Picturesque Worcester for the Library.

Voted that the meetings for the ensuing year be left to the call of the Chairman.

Voted that all books for the ensuing year be purchased in person so that they may be provided in the annual report at the annual March Meeting.

Voted that the list for new books be brought in as soon as possible.

As there was no other business to come before the Board, they adjourned subject to call of Chairman.

Attest James H. Woods, Clerk

Proceedings of the Trustees January 17th 1897

The records were read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

To pay Sanford Sawtelle Co for binding Magazines $6.25

Sanford Sawtelle Co Error in former bill 75

Sanford Sawtelle Co Subscriptions to Magazines $31.10

D. M. Walker binding Magazines

8 Vol Harpers Young People	@ 60	$4.80	
6 " Magazine	" 40	2.40	$7.20

The Librarian reported that he had renewed the Subscriptions to the following Magazines.

Harpers Weekly.	Review of Reviews
" Monthly	New England Magazine
" Round Table.	Country Gentleman
Leslies Weekly.	Cosmopolitan
Scribners.	Museum
Century.	Rural New Yorker.
St Nicholas	

Voted to procure the Volumes entitled

Picturesque Hampshire	1 Vol
Franklin East & West	1 "
Berkshire North & South	1 "
Detroit	1 "
The Catskills	1 "

And published by W. T. Adams & Co Springfield Mass. And the cost of the same be taken from the income of the Bigelow fund.

The board then proceeded to the work of selecting books for addition to the Library and with the finishing adjourned to call of Chairman.

James H. Woods Clerk

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Report of Library Trustees

Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1897.

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes, Feb, 15, 1896	3,769
Increase during the year:	
By donation	168
By purchase	93
By binding magazines	35
Total number of volumes Feb. 15, 1897	4,065

CIRCULATION.

Number of vloumes delivered	2,623
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day, April 11, 1896	75
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day, May 30, and July 18, 1896, each day	31
Average number of volumes delivered each day	51
Number of days the Library was open	51
Total circulation of the Library since its opening	54,351
Number of names registered to date	648

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslies' Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the Library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the Library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

Two volumes of the History of the United States by N. S. Shaler, has been presented to the Library by Mr. John Kendall of Worcester, a former citizen of this town. Also the Trustees desire to acknowledge the receipt of books to the value of one hundred dollars from the Commonwealth, selected under the direction of the State Library Commission. Boylston now possesses a free public library that is equaled in the number of and standard of works by very few towns of its size in the state. And it is the aim of the Trustees to keep the standard of new books added to its shelves up to the high standard heretofore maintained.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. to Cash Received.

Received from Town Treasurer, amount of Dog Fund,	$157 87
Received from Librarian for fines, etc	26
Drawn from town treasury, to pay contingent expenses,	63 50
To amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to Jan. 1, 1897.	625 13
Total	$846 76

Cr. by Cash Paid Out.

Librarian's Salary and covering books,	$63 50	
G. M. Walker, for binding magazines, etc,	26 65	
Sanford, Sawtelle & Co., for binding magazines, etc., for 1897	38 10	
De Wolfe, Fisher & Co., for books	77 11	
G. L. Wright, for expressage, freight, etc	2 15	
Denholm, McKay Co., for books	2 00	
Total	$209 51	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	14 12	
By amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to Feb. 17th, 1797	623 13	
Total		$846 76

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
JAMES H. WOODS, *Clerk*,
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer*,
MARY F. KENDALL,
B. C. LANE,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,

Trustees of Public Library.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Librarian*.

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[illegible] meeting held
[illegible] March 19th 1877. Present, C. Wright and
the Board. Trustees were chosen as
[illegible] the Board of Trustees for
the term of one year, ensuing the
[illegible] Town Clerk as follows.

[illegible]

1 yr Trus. (Jonas H. Woods / B. C. Lane) Term expires 1878.

1 yr Trus. (Geo H. Maxwell / Geo. H. Hastings) Term expires 1878.

[illegible] Trustees met March 20th 1877.
The following Officers were chosen for the
ensuing year.

Chairman — Geo. C. Wright
Clerk — Jonas H. Woods
Treasurer — Geo H. Hastings
Librarian — Geo. C. Wright.

Voted that the Librarians salary be
the same as last year.

Voted that the meetings of the board
be kept subject to the call of the
Chairman.

Adjourned

[illegible] Woods Clerk

Proceedings of Trustees [illegible]

Trustees met &c
Report of the last meeting were read
and approved.

The following bills were approved

To Ded. E. Wright for Services as Librarian
for the year ending [illegible]
Covering 436 Vols @ 3 1308
1 Blank Book 30 1338

To Sanford Sawtelle & Co
For Magazines 30 60

To Sanford Sawtelle & Co
1 Ream Manila 8 00

To Mass Society for Prevention to Cruelty to Animals
For 1 Years Subscription to "Our Dumb Animals" 2.50

After [illegible] a vote of thanks to the
Trustees, Adjourned

Attest J. H. Woods Clerk.

Proceedings of Trustees Feb 19th 98.
The Trustees met Saturday Feb 19th. 1898
The annual Enumeration was made of the
Library and report signed
The Books and other Property belonging
to the Library was appraised at $3300.00
As there was no other business, Adjourned
to Call of Chairman

Attest
J. H. Woods. Clerk.

Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1898.

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes, Feb. 15, 1897	4,065
Increase during the year:	
By donation	26
By purchase	101
By binding magazines	46
Total number of volumes Feb. 15, 1898	4,238

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	2,772
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day, March 27, 1897	76
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day, December 25, 1897	37
Average number of volumes delivered each day	55
Number of days the library was open	51
Total circulation of the library since its opening	57,123
Number of names registered to date	664

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin,

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

By the courtesy of the Selectmen the set of photographs of places and localities to be included in the Metropolitan water basin, used in the hearings before the Legislature, have been placed in the library, and the importance and value of collecting if possible a complete set of photographs of all the houses and places to be taken has suggested itself to the Trustees, and efforts will be made to make a complete collection of these photographs, with historical notes, which will make the collection especially valuable in coming years.

BOOKS PURCHASED AND ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

1897.

Alexander, Mrs. Barbara	4064
Allen, James Lane. The Choir Invisible	4094
Bangs, John L. Paste Jewels	4126
Barnes, James. Commodore Bainbridge	4114
Barrie, J. M. A Window in Thrums	4097
Margaret Ogilvy	4098
Barton, Wm. E. A Hero in Homespun	4121
Brine, M. D. Grandma's Attic Treasures	4149
Brooks, Elbridge S. The Century Books:—	
American Revolution	4151
Famous Americans	4153
Story of the Government	4152
Brooks, Noah. Men of Achievement. Statesmen	4147
Brooks, Phillips. Poems	4155
Sermons	4160
Brown, Eliza S. A Girl's Life Eighty Years Ago	4125
Burnham, Anna. A Bunker Hill Failure	4069
Burnham, C. L. Miss Archer Archer	4096
Burnett, Frances H. Sara Crewe and other stories	4111
Caine, Hall. The Bondman	4093
The Shadow of a Crime	4092
Collins, Wilkie. Poor Miss Finch	4074
Converse, Florence. Diana Victrix	4073
Crawford, F. M. Corleone. 2 vols	4102–03
With the Immortals	4104

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Curtis, George W. Trampas 4066
Deland, Margaret. The Wisdom of Fools 4067
Drinkwater, J. M. Electa 4076
Drysdale, Wm. The Beach Patrol 4109
Du Maurier, George. The Martian 4090
Eggleston, Edward. The Faith Doctor 4072
Field, Annie. A Shelf of Old Books 4150
Life and Letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe. 4113
Field, Eugene. Songs of Childhood 4156
Fleming, George. For Plain Women Only 4162
Ford, Paul L. An Untold Love 4075
Fuller, Anna. Peak and Prairie 4139
Gladstone, William E., Life of. MacCarthy 4127
Gordon, A. J. How Christ Came to Church 4142
Grand, Sarah. The Beth Book 4065
Habberton, John. Trif and Trixy 4070
Hale, Edward Everett. Stories of Adventures 4118
Stories of discovery 4119
Stories of Soldiers 4116
Stories of the Sea 4117
Susan's Escort 4120
Harland, Marian. Colonial Homesteads 4128
Harrison, Benjamin. This Country of Ours 4123
Hoar, Rockwood. Memorial of Hon. William W. Rice. 4165
Holley, Marietta (Josiah Allen's Wife). Josiah's Alarm and Abel Perry's Funeral 4154
Holmes, Margaret. Jasper Fairfax 4078
Hulbert, P. G., Jr. Men of Achievement. Inventors. 4148
Jamison, Mrs. C. V. Toinette's Philip 4134
Jewett, Sarah O. The Country of the Pointed Firs 4101
Johnson, Clifton. The District School as it was 4132
What they say in New England 4135
King, Charles. A Garrison Tangle 4088
Campaigning with Crook 4089
Captain Blake 4084
Kitty's Conquest 4087
"Laramie." 4086
Waring's Peril 4085
Lodge, Henry Cabot, and Theodore Roosevelt. Hero Tales of American History 4146
Loomis, C. F. Some Strange Corners of Our Country. 4110
Lossing, Benson J. Eminent Americans 4164
Lush, C. K. The Federal Judge 4083
MacCarthy, Justin. Life of William E. Gladstone 4127
McCaffrey, M. J. A. The Worst Boy in School 4144

Men of Achievement. Statesmen 4147
Inventors 4148
Mitchell, J. A. Amos Judd 4138
Mitchell, S. Weir. Hugh Wynne. 2 vols 4105–06
Newberry, Fanny E. Comrades 4080
Norseland Tales 4161
Norton, C. L. Jack Benson's Log 4107
Midshipman Jack 4108
Odgen, Ruth. Courage 4099
Little Homespun 4100
Old South Leaflets. 3 vols 4157, 58, 59
Parker, Joseph. What Might Have Been 4131
Parton, James. Famous Americans 4145
Raymond, Evelyn. The Little Red School-house 4068
Richards, Laura E. The Three Margarets 4122
Robinson, R. E. Uncle Lisha's Outing 4081
Roosevelt, Theodore, and H. C. Lodge. Hero Tales of American History 4146
Ross, Clinton. Chalmette 4071
Sanborn, Kate. A Year of Sunshine 4124
Saunders, Marshall. Beautiful Joe 4137
Sewall, Anna. Black Beauty 4136
Sieukiewicz, Henryk. Quo Vadis 4115
Stockham, Alice B. Koradine Letters 4133
Stockton, F. R. The Great Stone of Sardis 4063
The Hundreth Man 4061
The Rudder Grangers Abroad 4062
Stowe, Harriet Beecher. Stories and Sketches 4112
Life and Letters of 4113
Thanet, Octave E. Stories of a Western Town 4077
Train, Elizabeth P. A Queen of Hearts 4079
Trine, R. W. What's all the World a' Seeking 4143
Van Dyke, Henry. The other Wise Man 4091
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey. History of David Grieve 4095
Watson, John (Ian Maclaren). The Potter's Wheel ... 4139
The Mind of the Master. 4130
Ideals of Strength 4140
The Upper Room 4141
Winter, John Strange. Grip 4163
White, Eliza O. A Browning Courtship 4082

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. To Cash Received.

Balance of fines and appropriations, March 1, 1897....	$14 12
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund...	152 88
Received from Librarian for fines, etc.....	77
Drawn from town treasury, to pay contingent expenses,	63 58
To amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to Jan. 1, 1898....	647 57
Total.....	$885 92

Cr. By Cash Paid Out.

Librarian's salary, and covering books.....	$63 58	
City Book Bindery, for binding magazines, etc.	65 80	
Sanford Sawtelle Co., magazines, books, etc..	38 60	
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., for books	82 42	
Total.....	$250 40	
By amount of June 11, 1890 fund, Feb. 21,'98,	635 52	
Total.....		$885 92

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
JAMES H. WOODS, *Clerk*,
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer*,
B. C. LANE,
MARY F. KENDALL,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,

Trustees of Public Library.

GEO. L. WRIGHT, *Librarian*.

At the annual town meeting held March 1898, Mrs M. F. Kendall and Geo. A. Hastings were chosen as members of the board of Trustees for the term of Three years. Making the new Board as follows.

For 3 Yrs } Mrs M. F. Kendall ... expires 1901
For 3 Yrs } Geo A. Hastings

For 2 Yrs } Geo. L. Wright " 1900
For 2 Yrs } Mrs C. L. Williams

For 1 Yrs } J. H. Woods " 1899
For 1 Yrs } B. C. Lane

Report of Meeting of Trustees, Mar 23. 1898.

Trustees met Wednes. Evening Mar. 23.
Report of previous meetings read & approved.
The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Chairman. Geo. L. Wright.
Clerk. Mrs C. L. Williams
Librarian Geo. L. Wright.

Voted, Salary of Librarian same as last year.
It was also voted that the acknowledgments of the Trustees be returned to Donors of Books.
& ~~Mem~~. To Mrs W. W Rice for Memorial of William W. Rice.
Voted, To adjourn at call of Chairman sometime in April.

Attest,
Mrs. C. L. Williams
Clerk.

Proceedings of Trustees May 19. 1898.
Trustees met Librarian presented statement and list of books donated, for which the thanks of the trustees were returned.
Book lists were presented. Motion was made & carried that $100 be expended at this time for books.
Voted that trustees meeting be adjourned to Sat. 28th of May.

Attest,
Carrie L. Williams
Clerk.

Feb. 21, 1899.
Trustees met & signed report for the year ending Feb. 1899.

Attest
C. L. Williams

Report of Trustees of Library 1898

Report of the Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1899:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes February 15, 1898	4,238
Increase during the year:	
By donation	30
By purchase and binding	118
Total number of volumes, February 15, 1899	4,386

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,149
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day, December 3, 1898	90
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day, July 9, 1898	40
Average number of volumes delivered each day	62
Number of days the library was open	51
Total circulation of the library since its opening	60,272
Number of names registered to date	686

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, American League Wheel Bulletin.

The last two magazines have been supplied through the kindness of the publishers. Another valuable donation among works of local and genealogical interest is the Memorial and History of the Hapgood Family, compiled by Warren Hapgood, Esq., of Boston, formerly of Harvard, and which was presented to the library by him. To all who have so kindly remembered the library the Trustees would return the thanks of the town. Among the interesting and valuable works donated by the Commonwealth have been the Records of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, the Bradford Manuscript, the History of the Fifteenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and the History of the Bulfinch Front of the Massachusetts State House.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Adam's Cable Codex	4356
Allen, W. B. Pineboro' Quartette	4200
Badlam, A. R. Views in Africa	4353
Ball, R. S. Starland	4253
Ballou, M. M. Footprints of Travel	4241
Banks, Louis A. An Oregon Boyhood	4202
Barnes, James. The Hero of Erie	4347
Barrie, J. M. Auld Lichts Idylls	4222
Barton, W. E. The Story of a Pumpkin Pie	4336
Below, J. C. Eugene Field at Home	4249
Bell, Lillian. A Little Sister of the Wilderness	4212
Blaine, James G. Twenty Years in Congress. 2 vols.	4277–78
Bolton, Sarah K. Famous American Authors	4263
Famous English Authors	4262
Boyle, F. (and Russeau, A.) The Orchid Seekers	4241
Bradley, A. G. Sketches from Old Virginia	4228
Brady, C. T. For Love of Country	4208
Brooks, Noah. The Boys of Fairport	4339
Burnham, Clara L. A Great Love	4327
Burroughs, John. A Year in the Fields	4268
Caine, Hall. The Christian	4218
Carey, Rosa N. Mollie's Prince	4287

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Our Bessie 4294
Coe, Fanny E. Our American Neighbors 4351
Crawford, F. M. The Ralstons. 2 vols 4222–23
Croker, B. M. Peggy at the Bartons 4329
Davis, M. E. M. Under Six Flags 4265
Deland, Ellen L. A Successful Venture 4215
Dole, E. P. The Stand-by 4224
Dromgoole, W. M. Hero Chums 4201

Drysdale, W. The Fast Mail 4206
The Young Reporter 4205
Dunton, Larkin (Editor). The World and its People:
Scenes in Asia 4350
Our American Neighbors 4351
Modern Europe 4352
Views in Africa 4353
Ellis, Edward S. Among the Esquimaux 4259
Famous Adventures and Prison Escapes in Civil War .. 4232
Fields, Annie. Authors and Friends 4259
Fields, James T. Biographical Notes.
Ford, Andrew E. The Story of the Fifteenth Regiment Mass. Vols 4359
Ford, Paul L. The Hon. Peter Stirling 4210
Freese, J. W. Historic Houses and Spots in Cambridge and Nearby Towns 4348
Gaskill, Mrs. Cranford 4246
Gillespie, C. B. City of Chelsea, Mass. Illustrated .. 4358
Green, Anna K. The Leavenworth Case 4349
Greenhalge, Frederick T. Life of. Jas. E. Nesmith .. 4335
Grey, Maxwell. Ribstone Pippins 4199
Griffis, W. E. The Pilgrims in Three Countries 4340
Grinnell, Elizabeth. John and I and the Church 4209
Grinnell, G. B. The Story of the Indian 4305
Hamment, J. C. Cannon and Camera 4307
Hatton, Joseph. The Vicar 4219
Henty, G. A. By Pike and Dike 4341
Facing Death 4343
True to the Old Flag 4342
Heroic Ballards 4254
Higginson, T. W. Cheerful Yesterdays 4244
Holmes, Mary J. Mrs. Hallam's Companions 4214
Hope, Anthony. Simon Dale 4223
Jackson, Helen H. Bits of Talk on Home Matters 4256
Jerome, J. L. Idle Thoughts of an Idle Man 4257
Kendall, P. M. Life of Maria Mitchell 4247
King, Charles. A Tame Surrender 4337
From School to Battlefield 4338
Ray's Recruit 4229
Kipling, R. The Seven Seas 4203
Kirk, Ellen O. Dorothy Deane 4292
Knox, T. W. The Land of the Kangaroo 4234
In Wild Africa 4235
Learned, W. Treasury of American Verse 4252
LeBaron, Grace. Twixt You and Me 4291
McCook, H. C. The Latimers 4233

McKingley, F. M. Titus, a Soldier of the Cross 4276
Merriam, Florence. Birds of Village and Field 4269
Monroe, Kirk. In Pirate Waters 4346
Montressor, F. F. At the Cross Roads 4293
Mooney, M. S. Foundation Studies in Literature 4355
Muller, F. Max. Auld Lang Syne 4264
Nansen, F. Farthest North 4240
Nesmith, James E. Life of Frederic T. Greenhalge ... 4335
Noble, A. L. Uncle Jack's Executors 4213
Page, Thomas N. Red Rock 4284
Palmer, C. F. Inebriety, its Source and Cure 4359
Parker, Gilbert. The Battle of the Strong 4285
The Seats of the Mighty 4286
Patch, K. W. Middleway 4267
Pattee, F. L. Readings in American Literature 4273
Pool, Maria L. Friendship and Folly 4296
Poor, A. B. Boston Neighbors 4216
Ray, Anna C. Teddy, Her Book 4297
Raymond, Evelyn. Among the Lindens 4328
Russeau, A. (and F. Boyle). The Orchid Seekers 4241
Rivers, George R. R. The Count's Snuff-box 4290
Scidmore, E. R. Java, the Garden of the East 4238
Seawell, Molly E. Quarterdeck and Fo'k's'le 4221
Sienkiewicz, H. The Deluge. 2 vols 4280–81
Pan Michael 4282
With Fire and Sword 4288
Shinn, C. H. The Story of the Mine 4304
Shuey, L. H. Don Luis' Wife 4231
Smith, F. H. Caleb West, Master Diver 4207
Tom Grogan 4204
Smith, Mary C. Scenes in Asia 4350
Smith, Mary P. W. The Young Puritans of Old Hadley. 4301
The Young Puritans in King Philip's War 4302
Jolly Good Times at School 4345
Jolly Good Times at Hackmatack .. 4331
More Good Times at Hackmatack .. 4332

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	Jolly Good Times Today	4334
	A Jolly Good Summer	4335
Spears, J. R.	Our Navy in the War with Spain	4306
Spofford, Harriet P.	Hester Stanley at St. Mark's	4298
	Hester Stanley's Friends	4299
Stockton, F. R.	The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks	4272
	The Girl at Cobhurst	4295
Stratmeyer, Edward.	Under Dewey at Manila	4344
Swineford, A. P.	Alaska, its History	4236
Thanet, Octave.	The Heart of Toil	4289
Thaxter, Celia.	Letters of	4250
Tourgee, A. W.	The Man who Outlived Himself	4230
Trumbull, Annie E.	A Cape Cod Week	4325
	A Christmas Accident	4326
Vaile, C. M.	The Orcutt Girls	4225
	Sue Orcutt	4226
Van Dyke, Henry.	The Lost Word	4330
	The Story of the Other Wise Man	4275
Vedder, D. C.	American Writers of To-day	4274
Ward, Elizabeth S. Phelps.	Chapters from a Life	4245
Warman, Cy.	Frontier Stories	4324
	The Story of the Railroad	4303
Whitney, A. D. T.	Friendly Letters to Girl Friends	4251
	White Memories	4207
Wiggin, Kate D.	Penelope's Progress	4266
Wilkins, Mary E.	Madelon	4300
	Silence, and Other Stories	4217
Willard, Francis E.	How to Win	4271
Willoughby, H. J.	Across the Everglades	4237
Wilson, Francis.	The Eugene Field I Knew	4248
Wright, H. C.	Children's Stories in Literature	4260
	Children's Stories of Great Scientists	4261
Wright, William B.	Master and Men	4255
Wyman, E. A.	Ships by Day	4220
Yonge, C. M.	The Dove in the Eagle's Nest	4211

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. to Cash Received.

Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund	$188 87
" " Librarian, for fines, etc.	66
Drawn from town treasury to pay contingent expenses	65 00
To amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to January 1, 1899	660 93
	$915 46

Cr. by Cash Paid Out.

Librarian's salary and covering books	$65 00	
E. W. Canning, for book	3 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co., for mdse. as per bill	5 69	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	79 99	
Sanford, Sawtelle Co., subscriptions for magazines, etc.	30 15	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	61 09	
George L. Wright, freight, expressage, stationery, etc.	5 50	
Hubb Binding Co., binding books	75	
Total expended	$251 17	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	3 36	
By amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to January 1, 1899	660 93	
		$915 46

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*,
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer*,
JAMES H. WOODS,
B. C. LANE,
M. F. KENDALL,
Trustees of Library.

George L. Wright, *Librarian.*

Report.— Records 1899.

Trustees chosen at the Annual Town meeting held March 6. 1899 were as follows: Jas. H. Woods R. C. Lane. Each for three years. making the list now stand, —

For 3 yrs. { J. H. Woods — Term expires 1902.
For 2 yrs. { R. C. Lane. — " " 1901

For 3 yrs. { Wm. H. T. Lendall — Term expires 1902
For 1 yr. { Geo. A. Hastings — " " 1901

For 1 yr. { Geo. L. Wright — Term expires 1900
Mrs. C. L. Williams — " " "

At the same meeting it was voted to grant the amount received from dog fund, re-funded from the Co. Treasurer, to the uses of the Library.

Report of proceedings of trustees March, 25, 1899.
Voted to dispense with the reading of the records as the Sec. was absent.
Officers chosen as follows:-
Chairman - Geo. L. Wright.
Clerk Mrs. C. L. Williams.
Treasurer, Geo. A. Hastings.
Librarian Geo. L. Wright.
Voted that Librarian's salary be the same as last year.
Voted that the time of meetings be left with the chairman.
Voted that the Town Treasurer be requested to have the Library re-insured for not less than $150, and $180. if possible.

Attest

Carrie L. Williams
Clerk.

1899 At a legal town meeting of the
Extract inhabitants of the Town of Boylston
held on the seventh day of November
A.D. 1899 under Article 2. of the warrant
reading
To see if the town will vote to accept a
certain legacy of land devised to it by
the will of the late Parmelia N. Sanderson
of Clinton for the benefit of the Public Lib-
rary of said town of Boylston upon
the terms and conditions therein set
forth and if so to see if the town will
vote to abate the taxes on said land
for the present year, or act anything
respecting the same.
The following action was taken by the town
The Chairman of the Selectmen presented and
read the following extract from the will of the late
Parmilia N. Sanderson of Clinton "To the town of Boylston
Mass. a tract of ninety (90) acres of woodland in the east part of
Boylston which may be sold at the discretion of said town
the proceeds of said to be applied as follows, the income of
One hundred and fifty dollars ($150) for the perpetual care of
the Cemetery lot of Levi M. Hastings, the income of the remainder
of said proceeds for the purchase of books for the Public
Library of Boylston, and it is further provided
that if at any time said town of Boylston shall
erect a building for use of Public Library, then the
whole of this fund, except that portion set apart
for the care of Cemetery lot above mentioned
may be applied by vote of the town to the
construction of said building" Voted to accept the
devise made to the town of Boylston under the will
of Parmilia N. Sanderson late of Clinton deceased upon the
terms and conditions therein set forth and also voted to
abate the taxes on said property for the current year
and further voted that the Selectmen and Library
Trustees be requested to return the acknowledgements and
thanks of the town in proper form to the Executors of the will of
said deceased. A true Copy from the Records,
George L. Wright Town Clerk.

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Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1900.

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes, Feb 15, 1899	4,386
Increase during the year:	
By donation	22
By purchase and binding	105
Total number of volumes, Feb. 15, 1900	4,513

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,484
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day,	98
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day	39
Average number of volumes delivered each day	69
Number of days Library was open	51
Total circulation of the Library since its opening	
Number of names registered to date	720

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the Library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the Library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

We desire to make especial acknowledgment of the legacy of ninety acres of woodland, situated in the easterly part of the town, devised to the town of Boylston by the will of the late Mrs. Peruiellia W. Sanderson, of Clinton. Mrs. Sanderson was a native of the town, and the daughter of the late Levi M. and Mary Hastings, and a sister of Albert S. Hastings, a young man of more than ordinary ability and promise, a skilled surveyor and a life-long student, and who had from time to time spoken of his desire for the establishment of a public library in the town of Boylston, and of his intention of sometime doing something financially to aid in the establishment of a library. At the commencement of the civil war he was one of the first to enlist from this town, and nobly gave up his life upon the altar of his country in that great struggle. As an expression of regard for her native town, as well as to carry out the intentions of her brother, and as a memorial to him, Mrs. Sanderson was pleased to make this bequest for the benefit of the library, upon the terms and conditions as shown in the following extract from her will, allowed in the Probate Court, September 12, 1899: "To the town of Boylston, Mass., a tract of ninety acres of woodland in the east part of Boylston, which may be sold at the discretion of said town, the proceeds of sale to be applied as follows, viz.: the income of one hundred and fifty dollars for the perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Levi M. Hastings, the income of the remainder of said proceeds for the purchase of books for the Public Library of Boylston; and it is further provided that if at any time said town of Boylston shall erect a building for use of Public Library, then the whole of this fund, except that portion set apart for the care of cemetery lot above mentioned, may be applied by vote of the town to the construction of said building."

The devise was accepted by a vote of the town November 7, 1899. The assessed value of this property is now $1,420 and as the yearly appropriations for the purchase of books seems sufficient for that purpose, it seems wise, in the opinion of the Trustees, to allow this property to remain as at present and to accumulate in value until such time as it may be deemed sufficient or expedient to use it towards the erection of a library building.

During the past year death has claimed a member of our Board

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and we desire to express our appreciation of the service of Benjamin C. Lane, who died January 5, 1900. Mr. Lane had been a member of the Board for several years, ever exhibiting a lively interest in the work and welfare of the library, and was in hearty sympathy with its aims and a good citizen of the town.

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Adams, J. C. Nature Studies in Berkshire 4494
Alden, Mrs. G. R. A Modern Sacrifice..... 4491
Allen, James L. A Kentucky Cardinal..... 4461
Bacon, Edwin M. Historic Pilgrimages in New England 4398
Bangs, J. K. Peeps at People..... 4475
Barr, Amelia E. Was it Right to Forgive..... 4434
Barr, Richard. Jennie Baxter..... 4413
Barrett, John. Admiral George Dewey..... 4486
Briscoe, M. S. The Sixth Sense..... 4446
Brown, Alice. Tiverton Tales..... 4416
Butler, W. C. Ruined Abbeys of Scotland..... 4480
Caskoden, Edwin. When Knighthood was in Flower.. 4454
Churchill, Winston. Richard Carvel..... 4405
Crawford, F. M. Via Crucis..... 4406
Crockett, S. R. Iona March..... 4439
Kit Kennedy..... 4451
Darling, M. G. We Four Girls..... 4417
Davis, R. H. The Lion and the Unicorn..... 4431
Dinwiddie, William. Puerto Rico..... 4401
Dix, B. M. Hugh Gyweth..... 4411
Doge, G. H. and others. What Women can Earn..... 4459
Dougal, Lily. The Mormon Prophet..... 4447
Douglass, Amanda M. A Little Girl of old Philadelphia 4462
Doyle, A. Conan. A Duett..... 4438
Drake, S. A. Historic Mansions and By-ways..... 4481
Earle, Alice M. Home Life in Colonial Days..... 4464
Edwards, F. E. The '98 Campaign Sixth Mass. Vols.. 4497
Finley, Martha. Elsie on the Hudson..... 4436
Elsie in the South..... 4437
Flynt, Josiah. Tramping with Tramps.....

Ford, P. L. Janice Meredith..... 4427
The Many-Sided Franklin..... 4463
Fowler, Ellen T. A Double Thread..... 4440
Concerning Isabel Carnaby..... 4426
Fuller, Caroline M. Across the Campus 4441
Gaskill, Mrs. Cranford..... 4483
Going, Maud. Field, Forest and Wayside Flowers..... 4479
Goodrich, C. A. History of United States..... 4489
Grant, Robert. Searchlight Letters..... 4458
Harland, Marian. When Grandma was New..... 4422
Haraden, Beatrice. The Wild Fowler..... 4421
Harrison, Mrs. Burton. A Triple Entanglement..... 4419
Harte, Bret. Mr. Jack Hamblin..... 4428
Hearn, L. In Ghostly Japan..... 4396
Higginson, T. W. Old Cambridge..... 4467
Hilligas, H. C. Oom Paul's People..... 4397
Hitchcock, M. E. Two Women in the Klondike..... 4464
Hooker, W. Child's Book of Nature..... 4488
Howells, W. D. A Ragged Lady..... 4435
Johnson, Rossiter. The Hero of Manila 4477
Kirk, Ellen O. Dorothy and her Friends..... 4470
Lanier, Sidney, Letters of..... 4469
Le Barron, Grace. Told under the Cherry Tree..... 4407
Lillie, L. C. Margaret Thrope..... 4409
Lodge, Henry Cabot. The War with Spain..... 4410
Mason, Caroline A. A Wind Flower..... 4452
Massachusetts Public Documents, 12 vols..... 4501–4512
Mathews, Brander. A Confident To-Morrow..... 4443
Mathews, Franklin. The New Born Cuba..... 4402
Merriman, Helen B. Religio Pictoris..... 4485
McCarthy, Julien. Reminiscences, 2 vols..... 4492–4493
Monroe, Kirk. Forward March..... 4465
Norris, Frank. McTeague..... 4418
Otis, James S. The Boys of '98..... 4399
Page, Thomas Nelson. Santa Claus' Partner..... 4450
Pearce, J. H. Ezekiel's Sin..... 4408
Penfield, F. C. Present Day Egypt..... 4457
Phelps, Elizabeth S. Loveliness..... 4282

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Phillpots, Eden. The Children of the Mist	4415
Poole, Maria L. A Widower and some Spinsters	4424
Sand 'n Bushes	4423
Quiller-Couch, A. T. The Ship of Stars	4444
Robinson, Margaret. Where Angels fear to Tread	4414
Roosevelt, Theodore. The Rough Riders	4404
Savage, Minot J. Religion of Evolution	4498
Beliefs of the Bible	4499
Sewall, Molly. Gavin Hamilton	4412
Smith, F. H. The Other Fellow	4433
Smith, G. A. Life of Henry Drummond	4476
Smith. Mary P. W. The Young Puritans in Captivity,	4471
Steevens, G. W. The Tragedy of Dreyfus	4473
Stearns, F. P. Life of Otto Von Bismarck	4484
Stratemeyer, Edward. Richard Dare's Adventure	4429
Oliver Bright's Search	4430
To Alaska for Gold	4455
The Minute Boys of Bunker Hill,	4472
Thompson, A. C. Beck's Fortune	4410
Thurston, J. C. A Village Contest	4420
Van Dyke, Henry. Fisherman's Luck	4460
Warman, Cy. Snow on the Headlight	4474
The White Mail	4479
Warner, Charles Dudley. That Fortune	4445
Westcott, E. K. David Harum	4395
The Awkward Age	4432
White, T., and Inglehart, Wm. The Columbian Exposition	4487
Whiteing, Richard. No. 5 John Street	4443
Whitney, A. D. T. Square Pegs	4425
Whitney, Caspar. Hawaiian America	4443
Wilkins, Mary E. The Jamesons	4453
Wise, J. S. End of the Era	4478
Zollinger, G. The Widow O'Callaghan's Boys.	4448

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED.

Balance of fines and appropriations, March 1, 1899	$3 36	
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund	225 36	
Drawn from Town Treasury to pay contingent expenses	61 75	
To amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to January 1, 1900	687 35	
		$977 82

CR. BY CASH PAID OUT.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc	$61 75	
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	103 85	
Sanford-Sawtelle Co., subscriptions for magazines, etc	29 70	
Sanford-Sawtelle Co., binding books	4 50	
Total expended	$199 80	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of treasurer	90 67	
By amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to January 1, 1900	687 35	
		$977 82

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
C. L. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*,
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer*,
JAMES H. WOODS,
MARY F. KENDALL,
Trustees of Library.

Records of Trustees, 1900.

At the annual town meeting held March 5th 1900, The following named persons were chosen as Trustees of the public Library, for the term of [illegible] George L Wright & George H Longley

Henry L Reed was chosen as a Trustee for two years to fill vacancy caused by the death of Benj C Lane making the Full Board of Trustees [illegible]

For 3 years	George L Wright	time expires	1903
	George H Longley.		1903
For 2 years	James H Woods	" "	1902
1 year	Henry L Reed.		1901
For 2 yrs	Mrs Mary F. Kendall	" "	1902
1 year	George F. Hastings.		1901

At this meeting the amount of the Log fund expended from the County Treasury was authorized to the sum of the Library amounting to $ 203.89

Report of the meeting of the Trustees Mar 24, 1900

Proceedings of the Trustees Mar 24th 1900

The Trustees met Saturday evening Mar 24th [illegible]

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Records of Trustees for year 1900.

Report.

Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1901:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes on shelves Feb. 15, 1900	4,513
" " " Feb. 15, 1901	4,610

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,116
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day	83
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day	50
Average number of volumes delivered each day	61
Number of days library was open	51
Number of names registered to date	760

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine, Success.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

The Trustees would, however, desire to make special mention of the donation of five volumes unbound of magazines from the Woman's Library Club, through Miss Alice G. Chandler, the former well-known librarian of the Lancaster Public Library;

Mr. Longley was one of the original Board of Trustees and a member of the committee chosen by the town to establish the library, and served faithfully as a trustee until prevented by sickness; afterward his interest in the library never ceased, and he always expressed his strongest hopes for its success.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Alden, Isabella. By Way of the Wilderness	4570
Allen, James Lane. Aftermath	4560
The Reign of Law	4559
Atherton, Gertrude. Senator North	4547
Around the Yule Log	4573
Bachellor. Eben Holden	4564
Barr, Amelia. Trinity Bells	4552
Barrie, J. M. Tommy and Grizel	4551
Barton, Clara. The Red Cross	4514
Barton, W. E. Tim Galloway's Daughter-in-law	4520
Pine Knot	4578
The Trouble at Roundstone	4579
The Prairie Schooner	4583
Besant, Sir Walter. The Orange Girl	4544
Bishop, Isabella Bird. Korea and Her Neighbors	4536
Brooks, E. S. The Story of the 19th Century	4575
Corelli, Marie. Boy	4576
Cheever, H. A. Jolliby's Christmas	4524
Clemens, S. L. (Mark Twain). The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg	4561
Crawford, F. M. In the Palace of the King	4557
Saranisca	4556
Cutting, Marshall. The Story of the Postoffice	4610
Daskam, Josephine D. Smith College Stories	4582
Day, Holman. Up in Maine	4542
Drysdale, William. The Treasury Club	4574
The Young Supercargo	4571
Elizabeth and her German Garden	4580
Ellis, E. S. and Wright, M. O. Four-footed Americans	4516
Frye, Col. James. History of First Mass. H. A. Vols	4523
Flynt, Josiah. Notes of an Itinerant Policeman	4568

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Gittings, Ella B. Margery's Vacation	4521
Grant, Robert. Unleavened Bread	4549
Gray, James M. Synthetic Bible Stories	4585
Harris, Linnie S. The Young Capitalist	4527
Henich, Robert. The Web of Life	4548
Henty, G. B. The Cave Dwellers	4562
Hewlett, M. Richard Yea and Nay	4554
Howard, O. O. Donald's School Days	4517
Howells, W. D. Their Silver Wedding Journey	4553
Hunter, M. Van B. Famous children	4584
Johnston, Mary. To Have and to Hold	4563
Lamprey, F. G. A Descriptive Tour of the World	4586
Lee, Mrs. Frank. Redmond of the Seventh	4522
Lloyd, John U. Stringtown on the Pike	4555
Massachusetts Public Documents. 12 vols	4597–4608
Messages and Documents of the Presidents. 10 vols	4587–4596
Munro, Kirk. Under the Great Bear	4572
Mitchell, S. Weir. Dr. North and his Friends	4579
Ollivant, Alfred. Bob, the Son of War	4540
Opdyke, G. H. The World's Best Proverbs	4569
Pidgin, C. F. Quincy Adams Sawyer	4579
Richardson, C. F., Editor. Messages and Documents of the Presidents. 10 vols	4587–4596
Ridpath, J. C. Story of South Africa	4515
Robbins, Elizabeth. The Open Question	4550
Roosevelt, Theodore. Oliver Cromwell	4534
Sangster, Margaret E. Winsome Womanhood	4538
Scidmore, E. R. China, the Long-lived Empire	4566
Smith, A. H. Chinese Characteristics	4565
Village Life in China	4567
Steel, Flora A. The Hosts of the Lord	4545
Stockton, F. R. The Hundredth Man	4558
The Meloon Farm	4570
Thompson, Ernest S. Wild Animals I have Known	4535
Thompson, Maurice. Alice of Old Vincennes	4543
Thorne, Marian. Ruth Prentice	4518
Van Chenoweth, C. School History of Worcester	4581
Van Dyke, J. C. History of Painting	4533
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey. Eleanor	4546
Wharton, Edith. The Touchstone	4539
Williams, Jesse L. Adventures of a Freshman	4537
World. A Descriptive tour of. F. G L., compiler	4586

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. to Cash Received.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1, 1900	$90 67
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund	203 89
Drawn from Town Treasury to pay contingent expenses.	61 25
To amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to Jan. 1, 1901	714 83
	$1,070 64

Cr. by Cash Paid Out.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc	$61 25	
Denholm, McKay Co., for books	54 63	
Sanford-Sawtelle Co., subscriptions for magazines, etc.	30 06	
Sanford-Sawtelle Co., binding books	1 50	
D. S. Brownell, for books	3 00	
Committee on Distribution, for one set of books	34 00	
Agnes Mitchell, for book	2 00	
Lydia P. Warner, for one book and subscriptions	2 45	
Total expended	$188 89	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	166 92	
By amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to January 1, 1901	714 83	
		$1,070 64

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
M. F. KENDALL, *Clerk*,
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer*,
JAMES H. WOODS,
GEORGE H. LONGLEY,
HENRY L. REED,
Trustees of Library.

Records of Trustees for year 1901.

At the annual town meeting in March the following persons were elected to serve as Trustees of the Public Library for the term of three years.

~~Mary F. Kendall~~ Carrie L. Williams
Mary E. French

Making the full board

Mary E. French	3 years.	term expires		1904
Carrie L. Williams	"	"	"	1904
George L. Wright	2 "	"	"	1903
George A. Longley	2 "	"	"	1903
Mary F. Kendall	1 "	"	"	1902
James A. Woods	1 "	"	"	1902.

At this meeting the amount of the dog fund was appropriated to the Library.

James A. Woods declined serving as Treasurer of the Trustees and at a meeting of the Board George A. Hastings Town Treasurer was chosen under the law to act as Treasurer of the Trustees

Attest George L. Wright Chairman.

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Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1902.

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes on shelves Feb. 15, 1901	4,610
" " " Feb. 15, 1902	4,764

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,077
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day	89
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day	43
Average number of volumes delivered each day	62
Number of days library was open	50
Number of names registered to date	781

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine, Success, Everybody's Magazine, The Book Buyer, The Boston Cooking School Magazine.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

The Trustees would, however, desire to make special mention of the donation of several volumes from Hon. George W. Weymouth, Ex. M. C., from George L. Sanford of Worcester, from James Logan of Worcester, and from Mrs. William F. Haile of Springfield; also for a donation of copies of the Engineering Journal from George O. Soucie.

The Trustees desire to make mention of the death of Nathaniel L. Kendall, one of the Selectmen of the town, and who has ever been a strong friend of the library and who had constantly manifested his interest in the library in many ways, especially in continuing and completing the collection of photographs of Boylston citizens originated and begun by his late father. We desire to express to the family of the late Mr. Kendall our sympathy in their bereavement.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Andrews, E. Benjamin. Institutes of History	4692
Antrobus, Susan. The King's Messenger	4656
Bachellor, Irving. D'ri and I	4652
Bellamy, Edward. The Duke of Stockbridge	4682
Boone, H. B. & K. Eastover Court House	4677
Cable, G. W. The Cavalier	4653
Caine, Hall. Eternal City	4657
Castle, A. E. The Secret Orchard	4663
Catherwood, M. H. Lazarre	4679
Chickering, J. W. The Hillside Church	4620
Churchill, Winston. The Crisis	4655
Clews, Henry. The Wall Street Point of View	4704
Conner, Ralph. The Man from Glengarry	4647
The Sky-Pilot	4646
Crawford, Marion. Marietta	4638
Croly, George. Tarry Thou Till I Come	4665
Century Book of American Colonies	4611
Davis, W. S. God Wills It	4650
Dix, E. A. Deacon Bradbury	4634
Old Bowen's Legacy	4661
Dole, C. F. Crib and Fly	4708
Emerson, Emma. Sylvia	4642
Evans, Robley D. A Sailor's Log	4680
Fay, Anna. Katherine Day	4631
Ford, P. L. A House Party	4639
Gerkie, Cunningham. Life and Words of Christ. 2 vols	4699–4700
Green, E. McL. Flood Tide	4668
Hadley, Arthur T. Education of American Citizen	4675
Haile, William F., Memorial of	4726
Heilprin, A. The Earth and its Story	4703
Henty, G. A. No Surrender	4669
With Buller in Natal	4645
Hinsdale, B. A. The Old Northwest	4688
Hornung, E. W. Ruffles	4667
Hunter, Mary V. B. Stories of Famous Children	4697

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Johnston, H. P.	The Storming of Stony Point	4696
Johnston, J. P.	Twenty Years of Hus'ling	4630
Kauffman, R. W.	Jarvis of Harvard	4637
Kellogg, Elijah.	The Ark of Elm Island	4632
	The Hardscrabble of Elm Island	4633
	The Boy Farmers of Elm Island	4659
Kellogg, Elijah.	The Young Shipbuilders of Elm Island	466
	Charley Bell	4641
	Lion Ben	4658
Kipling, Rudyard.	Kim	4678
Lane, E. M.	The Mills of the Gods	4651
Lorne, Marquis of.	Life of Victoria, R. I.	4648
Massachusetts.	Manual General Court, 1901	4724
	Soldiers and Sailors in Revolution. Vol. 7	4629
	Journal of Senate and House of Representatives, 1901. 2 vols.	4624–25
	Acts and Resolves, 1901	4626
	Census, 1897. Vol. 7	4627
McCall, Sidney.	Truth Dexter	4636
McCutcheon, G. B.	Graustark	4660
Mitchell, J. A.	The Pines of Lory	4676
Model of Metropolitan District of Boston		4628
Mooney, M. S.	Foundation Studies in Literature	4698
Mowry, W. A. and A. B.	American Inventions and Inventors	4702
Northrop, Henry.	Indian Honors	4689
Oberton.	Heritage of Unrest	4671
Otis, James.	The Boys of Fort Schuyler	4649
Parker, Gilbert.	The Right of Way	4673
Pattee, F. L.	Foundations of American Literature	4693
	History of American Literature	4694
Peterson, M. H.	The Potter and the Clay	4666
Pierson, A. T.	George Muller of Bristol	4691
Reports U. S. Commissioner of Education. 8 vols.		4612–19
Repplier, A. M.	Fireside Sphinx	4664
Roberts, C. G. D.	A Sister to Evangeline	4683
	History of Canada	4687
	By the Marshes of Minas	4685
	In Divers Tones	4705
	The Book of the Native	4686
	The Heart of the Ancient Wood	4684
	New York Nocturnes	4706
Roe, A. S.	History of Worcester Y. M. C. A.	4681
Runkle, Bertha.	Helmet of Navarre	4635
Roosevelt, Theodore.	Administration Civil Service	4709
	American Ideals	4710
	Hunting the Grizly	4711
	The Naval War of 1812. 2 vols.	4712–13
	The Rough Riders	4714
	Winning of the West. 6 vols	4715–20
	Hunting Trips on the Prairie	4721
	Hunting Trips of a Ranchman	4722
	Wilderness Hunter	4723
Sheldon, Charles M.	In His Steps	4707
Stanley, H. A.	The Backwoodsman	4672
Strecher, W. F.	The Queen's Rangers	4640
Stratemeyer, E.	American Boys' Life of William McKinley	4643
Statutes U. S. 52d Congress. 3 vols.		4621–23
Thompson, E. Seton.	Lives of the Hunted	4670
True Stories of Great Americans		4701
Urban, J. W.	Battlefield and Prison Pen	4690
Van Dyke, Henry.	The Ruling Passion	4674
Walcott, Roger.	Memorial of	4725
Washington, Booker T.	Story of my Life	4695
Wiggin, K. D.	Penelope's Irish Experiences	4644

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr. to Cash Received.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1, 1901	$166 92
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund	215 09
Drawn from Town Treasury to pay contingent expenses.	63 00
To amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to Jan. 1, 1902	743 39
	$1,118 40

Cr. by Cash Paid Out.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc	$63 00	
Anson Magoon, for books	13 00	
G. P. Putnams' Sons, for one set books	15 00	
Denholm & McKay Co., for books	51 29	
Sanford Putnam Co., for subscriptions to magazines, etc	39 50	
G. L. Wright, for subscription to Brown book.	1 00	
Silver, Burdett & Co., for books	19 21	
Total expended	$202 00	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	243 01	
By amount of June 11, 1890, Fund, to Jan. 1, 1902	743 39	
		$1,188 40

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*
MARY F. KENDALL, *Clerk,*
GEORGE A. HASTINGS, *Treasurer,*
GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Librarian,*
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE H. LONGLEY,
JAMES H. WOODS,
MARY E. FRENCH,
Trustees of Library.

Records of Trustees for the year 1902

At the Annual town meeting held March 4th 1902 the following persons were chosen Trustees of the Public Library for the term of three years.

Mary F. Kendall
E. Burnell Tucker

Making the full Board to be as follows.

For three years.	Mary F. Kendall	term expires	1905
	E. Burnell Tucker	" "	1905
For two years	Mary E. French	" "	1904
	Carrie L. Williams	" "	1904
For one year	George L. Wright	" "	1903
	George H. Longley	" "	1903

At this meeting the Amount of the Dog Fund ($) was appropriated to the Library viz. $

The Trustees met Thursday evening April 10th 1902.

George L. Wright, Mrs Carrie L. Williams, Mrs. Mary E. French Miss E. Burnell Tucker, George H. Longley and Mrs. Mary F. Kendall were present.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Chairman	George L. Wright
Clerk.	Mrs. Mary F. Kendall
Treasurer	George A. Hastings.
Librarian	George L. Wright

George A. Hastings was chosen Treasurer by a Vote of the Trustees, it being voted that the Town Treasurer should act as Treasurer of the Trustees.

Voted that the Salary of the Librarian be the same as last year.

Voted to add to our magazine list The Ladies Home Journal - The World's Work, and Country Life in America Also to purchase the book entitled Aerials Objects Lessons, Voted that the time of the meetings of the Trustees be left at the call of the Chairman

Signed and Attested by Mary F. Kendall Clerk

Recorded from Clerk's Minutes, Attest. George L. Wright Chairman

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Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 14, 1903:

ACCESSIONS.

Number or volumes on shelves Feb. 15, 1902	4,764
" " " Feb. 15, 1903	4,862

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,329
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day	97
Lowest number of volumes delivered in any one day	39
Average number of volumes delivered each day	64
Number of days library was open	52
Number of names registered to date	796

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine, Success, Everybody's Magazine, The Book Buyer, The Boston Cooking School Magazine.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

The Trustees would at this time acknowledge the donation of a framed photograph of the Boylston High School in 1853, given to the library by Mr. William A. Moore.

The following is a list of new books catalogued and on the shelves for circulation:

Adams, Mary. Confessions of a Wife	4735
Aldrich, T. B. A Sea Turn	4749
Allen, A. G. B. Life of Phillips Brooks. 3 vols	4829–30–31
Atherton, G. F. The Conqueror	4786
Banks, N. H. Oldfield	4762
Beecher, H. W. Plymouth Pulpit	4840
Bell, Lillian. Hope Loring	4736
Brooks, E. S. Dames and Daughters of the Republic	4759
Burnham, C. L. The Right Princess	4787
Carnegie, Andrew. The Empire of Business	4841
Chambers, R. H. The Maid at Arms	4730
Coolidge, S. A Guernsey Lily	4812
Conners, R. Glengarry School Days	4748
Connolly, J. B. Out of Gloucester	4769
Cotes, E. Those Delightful Americans	4781
Crawford, F. M. Cecelia	4751
Crowley, M. C. The Heroine of the Strait	4734
Cummings, M. H., and M. H. Foster. Asgard Stories	4838
Dallin, C. M. Sketches of Great Painters	4842
Davis, W. S Belschazzar	4745
Devereux, M. From Kingdom to Colony	4760
Lafitte of Louisiana	4761
Up and Down the Sands of Gold	4825
Doyle, A. C. Hound of the Baskervilles	4843
Drake, S. A. New England Legends and Folk Lore	4844
Earle, A M. Stage Coach and Tavern Days	4742
Sun Dials and Roses of Yesterday	4801
Earle, M. T. The Flag on the Hill Top	4845
Eastman, C. A. Indian Boyhood	4775
Eggleston, G. C. Dorothy South	4784
Fiske, John. New England and New France	4794
Foote, M. H. The Desert and Sown	4828
Foster, M. G. The Heart of the Doctor	4805
Foster, M. H., and Cummings, M. H. Asgard Stories	4838
Ford, P. L. Wanted a Chaperon	4799
Frazer, J. F. The Real Siberia	4815
Garis, H. R. With Force and Arms	4818
Glasgow, E. The Battle Ground	4806
Greene, S. P. McL. Winslow Plain	4731
Hale, E. E. Memories of One Hundred Years. 2 vols	4770–71
Haley, M. M. A Domfield Summer	4819
Hall, Ruth. A Downrenter's Son	4813

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Ham, M. A. The Builders of the Republic 4773
Hamlin, M. S. Catherine's Proxy 4834
Harben, W. N. Abner Daniel 4861
Harland, H. The Lady Paramount 4846
Hart, B. Seven Great American Poets 4847
Higginson, T. W. Henry Wardsworth Longfellow 4833
Hogon, A. L. Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch 4839
Howells W. D. Literature and Life 4777
Hughes, R. The Whirlwind 4802
Johnson, Mary. Audrey 4796
Johnston, Clifford. New England and its Neighbors 4758
Kingsley, F. M. The Needle's Eye 4746
Kirk, Ellen O. A Remedy for Love 4848
Laddie 4849
Lee, G. H. What Was His Duty 4850
Lee, M. C. Lois Mallett's Dangerous Gift 4851
MacGowan, Alice The Last Word 4782
Marble, Annie Russell. Thoreau and His Home 4772
Major, Charles. Dorothy Vernon 4754
Martin, G. B. Emmey Lou 4740
McCutcheon, G. B. Castle crannycrow 4739
Morris, G. Aladin O'Brien 4811
Mowry, W. A. American Inventors 4702
Territorial Growth of U. S 4852
Mowry, A. M. First Steps in English History 4853
Munn, C. C. Rockhaven 4744
Uncle Terry 4757
Nash, H. A. Polly's Secret 4832
Olivant, A. Danny 4750
Oxley, J. McD. With Fife and Drum at Louisburg 4738
Parker, Gilbert. Donovan Pasha 4729
Phelps, E. S. Avery 4743
Pidgin, C. F. Blennerhassett 4728
The Climax 4783
Price, L. L. Heroes of Myth 4854
Wandering Heroes 4855
Ralph, Julian. The Millionaires 4732
Ray, A. C. Teddy Her Daughter 4733
Raymond, E. The Boys and Girls of Branthum 4820
Remington, F. John Ermine 4747
Richards, L. E. Joyous Story of Toto 4803
Riley, James W. The Book of Joyous Children 4797
Riis, Jacob A. The Battle with the Slums 4779
Rives, Hallie E. Hearts Courageous 4785
Rowe, H. J. A Maid of Bar Harbor 4827
Sangster, M. E. Janet Ward 4804
Saunders, M. Beautiful Joe's Paradise 4753
Sewall, M. E. Francezka 4823
Sidney, M. Five Little Peppers Abroad 4807
Slosson, A. T. Aunt Abby's Neighbors 4814
Smith, M P. W. Four on a Farm 4836
Their Canoe Trip 4809
Smith, N. A. Three Little Marys 4056
Sousa, J. P. The Fifth String 4795
Stockton, F. R. Kate Bonnett 4822
John Gayther's Garden 4780
Staurt, R. McE. Napoleon Jackson 4752
Taggart, M. A. The Wynham Girls 4821
Tarkington, B. The Two Van Revels 4755
Taylor, C. M., Jr. Why My Photographs Are Bad 4778
Thompson-Seton, G. G. A Woman Tenderfoot 4857
Thurston, Lucy M. A Girl of Virginia 4817
Jack and His Island 4835
Tilton, D. Miss Petticoats 4824
Tomlinson, E. T. Cruising on the St. Lawrence 4826
Under Colonial Colors 4808
Train, G. F. My Life in Many States and Foreign Lands 4774
Trevert, E. Dynamos and Electric Motors 4765
Electric Bell Fitting 4764
Electricity and Recent Applications 4768
Experimental Electricity 4767
Questions and Answers About Electricity 4766
True Stories of Great Americans 4858
Watanna, O. The Japanese Nightingale 4798
The Wooing of Wisteria 4800
Watson, H. B. M. Chloris of the Island 4816
Wesselhoeft, L. E. Foxy the Faithful 4810
Wetherbee-Woodward, M. J. The Castle Beautiful 4859
White, S. E. The Blazed Trail 4737
Worthington, E. S. The Gentle Art of Cooking Wives 4741
Van Dyke, H. The Blue Flower 4756
Van Hutton, B. Our Lady of the Beeches 4860
Zweemer, A. E. and S. M. Topsy-Turvy Land 4862

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1, 1902..		$243 01
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund..		151 93
Received from Librarian, as fines, etc.....		43
Drawn from Town Treasurer to pay contingent expenses.....		65 00
To amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to Jan. 1, 1903..		773 11
		$1,233 48

CR. BY CASH PAID OUT.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc.....	$65 00	
Mary F. Rice, for one book.....	1 25	
Denholm & McKay Co., for books.....	156 71	
Silver Burdette Co., for books, etc.	8 72	
Sandford Putnam Co., for subscriptions to magazines, etc.....	37 25	
A. R. Minor, for map	1 90	
Total expended.....	$270 83	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer.....	189 54	
Amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to Jan. 1, 1903.....	773 11	
		$1,233 48

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
GEORGE H. LONGLEY,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
MARY E. FRENCH,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER.

Trustees of Library.

GEORGE A. HASTINGS, Treasurer.
GEORGE L. WRIGHT, Librarian.

Boylston, Feb. 17, 1903.

The foregoing Report was accepted and signed by the Trustees as their annual report to be presented to the at its annual town meeting March 2, 1903.

A true Copy Attest.

George L Wright Chairman of the Trustees.

Records of Trustees for the Year 1903.

At the annual town meeting held March 2. 1903. George L Wright and
Rev. George S. Dodge
were chosen as members of the Board of Trustees for the term of three years, making the entire Board as follows.

George L Wright
Rev. George S. Dodge
for three years term expires 1906

Mary E. Kendall
E Burnette Tucker
for two years term expires 1905

Carrie L Williams
Mary E. French
for one year term expires 1904

At this meeting the Annual of the Town was appropriated to the uses of the Library

Proceedings

The Trustees met Saturday Evening April 4th 1903.
Members present
George L. Wright
Mrs. Carrie L. Williams
Mrs. E. Burnette Tucker
George S. Dodge
Officers for the ensuing year
Were Elected
Chairman George L. Wright
Clerk - George S. Dodge
Librarian George L. Wright
Treasurer George A. Hastings.
Who is also Town Treasurer.
Voted that the Salary of the Librarian be fifty dollars. that Janitor be paid for work. also that three dollars be paid for covering books.

Records of Trustees for April 1903

Adjourned to Thursday Evening April 16th 1903.
George S. Hodges Clerk.

Thursday Evening April 16. 1903.
The Trustees met at the home of Mrs Anna Tucker.
Present { George Wright
Mrs. Carrie L Williams
Miss. E. Burnetta Tucker
George S. Hodges

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bills of Mrs Abbears and Miss Sands for two volumes of "The Soldiers in the Civil War" were approved and signed by the Trustees.

The Chairman George L Wright reported a gift from Mrs. Emma L. Thompson of [illegible] Hands for the Public Library of "Mass. Regiments" and "Prominent men of Worcester Mass"

Voted to refer to Committee on Library the matter of the Trustees to take charge of the books of Reference

George S. Hodges Clerk.

Recorded - 2 · 1904

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library, of the town of Boylston, held ~~this day~~, January 2, 1904, the following communication from Miss Salome E. White, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was received and read:

135 Hicks St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec., 21, 1903.

To the Selectmen and Library Trustees of the Town of Boylston:

It having been the desire of my honored mother to present to the Town of Boylston a library building, for the uses and purposes of the Public Library of said town, and which design her death prevented her from carrying into effect, I desire myself to carry out her intentions and propose to erect and donate to the town a public library building, to be known as the Sawyer Memorial Library Building, as a memorial to my beloved mother, Harriet Sawyer White, who was a native of the town, and her ancestors, whose families were long and prominently associated with its affairs. This building will be erected in accordance with plans which I am now having prepared. As it seems to me, the proper location for such a building, would be the spot where the old Centre school-house now stands, which, if the lot could be enlarged by the addition of the land bordering upon the former West Boylston road, and also by a strip of land extending a short distance southerly of the present school lot, could be graded and made a very beautiful location for the library building. It would also mark a spot upon which have been transacted some of the principal affairs of the town. Here stood the second meeting-house in which Revs. Hezekiah Hooper, Ward Cotton, Samuel Russell and William H. Sanford ministered to the spiritual needs of the Boylston people; here, too, were held for many years the town meetings and other public gatherings of the people, and since 1851 it has been the sight of the village school. Around the spot clusters some of the most sacred associations of Boylston, and as the public library stands for the broadest culture and intellectual welfare of the people, so it seems to me that this spot would be an ideal location for the Library building. The town to keep and maintain said building as a public library for all time. It is my desire that the matter be laid before the town for its consideration. Awaiting your reply and action in the matter, I am

Respectfully yours,

SALOME E. WHITE.

Thereupon, it was unanimously resolved—That the Selectmen and Trustees of the Boylston Public Library do hereby, in the the name and behalf of the town, most gratefully accept and acknowledge the offer of the erection and donation of a building, to be known as the Sawyer Memorial Library Building, from Miss Salome E. White, and that the matter be laid before the town at a special town meeting, to be called for the purpose. We recognize in this gift both the filial love for the memory of a beloved mother and her ancestors, and the donor's own wish to carry out the cherished desire of that mother, which death alone prevented her from fulfilling, and as well, her own family interest and love for the town and its welfare. We are pleased to observe the fitness of the name chosen for the building, commemorating, as it does, a family whose earliest ancestor was the first settler of the town, and whose descendants have ever been prominent and useful citizens, and while it will thus commemorate and transmit to the coming generations the name of the first settler and his descendants, a family name now extinct among Boylston families; it will also serve to preserve and cherish the memory of those other Boylston families with whom the donor is so closely related —Bush and White—names which also occupy a very prominent place upon Boylston records.

Resolved—That the suggestions made in the letter of Miss White, as to the location of the building, meets our hearty approval, and seems to us to be most appropriately chosen, and by far the best location which could be selected for the building. The list of proprietors of the Boylston Social Library, established in 1792, and which continued in an unbroken existence until it was merged into the Public Library in 1880, embraced the names of Sawyer, Bush and White among its most earnest promoters, and for many years the annual meetings of the proprietors were held in the meeting-house upon the spot where it is proposed to place this library building. This location will therefore also commemorate the establishment and history of the first library in the town of Boylston.

Resolved—That in the acceptance of this donation we tender to the donor our assurance that this gift will be cherished and maintained at all times as a fitting memorial and home for the public library, and that within its walls may be gathered and preserved the priceless wisdom and knowledge of the ages to the end; that by it our citizens may be educated to still higher standards of culture and usefulness; to that broader intelligence so necessary to every citizen under a republican form of government, and which the public school and the public library can only create, preserve and transmit. We also tender to the donor our earnest hope that she may long be spared to gaze upon its completed walls with that admiration and veneration due to the memory of an honored parent, together with our heartfelt wishes for her continued health and prosperity.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
MONTRAVILLE FLAGG,
HENRY L. REED,
Selectmen of Boylston.

GEORGE N. WRIGHT,
GEORGE S. DODGE,
MARY F. KENDALL,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER,
MARY E. FRENCH,
Trustees of Public Library.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library, held ~~this day~~, January 2, 1904, the will of Daniel H. Maynard, late of Newburyport, deceased, was read, in which their appears certain residuary bequests for the benefit of the Public Library, of the town of Boylston, a copy of which is appended.

Thereupon, it was unanimously resolved—That we do hereby, in the name and behalf of the town of Boylston, accept and gratefully acknowledge the residuary bequest, made therein for the benefit of the Public Library of the town of Boylston, and these resolutions be adopted and presented to the town for its acceptance and ratification, at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Resolved—That in accepting this bequest we gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the interest felt by a native of the town of Boylston for the place of his nativity and the home of his early years, who, going away in early manhood, acquired honor and affluence elsewhere. To those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance he will be long remembered as a genial companion and host, and a generous, whole-souled gentleman; a true friend and ever ready to assist others by his counsel and means. Although away from the town for many years he always kept up his interest in its affairs, and in whatever related to its welfare. The acceptance of the bequest carries with it the assurance that it will be sacredly kept in trust and zealously devoted to the purposes intended by the testator.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
MONTRAVILLE FLAGG,
HENRY L. REED,
Selectmen of Boylston.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
GEORGE S. DODGE,
MARY F. KENDALL,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER,
MARY E. FRENCH,
Trustees of the Public Library.

Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting, January 11, 1904.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon a communication received by the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library from Miss Salome R. White, of Brooklyn, N. Y., offering to erect and present to the town a building to be known as the Sawyer Memorial Building, in memory of her mother, Harriet Sawyer White, for the use and purposes of the public library. Also, to see if the town will vote to place said building upon the lot now occupied by the old Centre school-house; purchase or acquire any of the land adjoining said school lot, owned by the First Parish in Boylston, for the purpose of said Library lot; or act anything respecting the same.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 20, 1904:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes on shelves Feb. 15, 1903	4,862
" " " Feb. 30, 1904	5,000

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	2,801
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day	73
Lowest number or volumes delivered in any one day	17
Average number of volumes delivered each day	55
Number of days library was open	51
Number of names registered to date	805

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine, Success, Everybody's Magazine, The Book Buyer, The Boston Cooking School Magazine.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

The Trustees would at this time acknowledge the donation of a valuable edition of the Biographical Review of Worcester County, Mass., from George L. Sanford of Worcester, also a Reprint of the "Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson, first printed in 1682 at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and London, England, now reprinted in fac-simile," from Col. John E. Thayer of Lancaster. Also, a copy of "The Soldiers of the Revolution from Worcester, Mass., and Memorial Exercises, from Col. Timothy Bigelow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution."

The Trustees also desire at this time to make still further acknowledgment of the most generous offer of Miss Salome E. White to erect and present to the town a building to be known as the Sawyer Memorial Library Building, official acknowledgment of which was made by the town at a special town meeting held January 11, 1904, and which action, together with the action of the town upon the bequest of the late Daniel H. Maynard and the resolutions passed in relation to both gifts, will be found in the report of the Town Clerk. The plans for the library building have already been prepared, and it is expected that work upon the building will be commenced as soon as Spring opens, and that ere another year begins Boylston will be possessed of a library building of which it may be justly proud, and which will be a beautiful and generous token of filial love and veneration for an honored parent.

BOOKS ADDED FOR CIRCULATION.

Adney, T. The Klondyke Stampede	4895
Beard, D. C. The Out-Door Handy Book	4906
Beard, L. and A. B. What a Girl can do	4907
American Girls Handy Book	4908
Bostock, F. C. The Training of Wild Animals	4880
Bourget, P. Monica	4912
Brady, C. T. In the Wasp's Nest	4905
Brown, Alice. The Mannerings	4889
Castle, A. and E. The Star Dreamers	4873

Chambers, R. W. The Maids of Paradise 4917
Chapman, F. M. Key to American Birds 4935
Crockett, S. R. The Firebrands 4871
Clark, W. J. Commercial Cuba 4950
Davis, R. H. Ransom's Folly 4872
Delano, F. J. Polly State 4869
Dickson, F. jr. The Leopard's Spots 4949
Dramatic Reciter 4944
Edgeworth, Maria. Castle Rachrent and the Absenter 4868
Finley, Martha. Elsie at the World's Fair 4893
Elsie's Winter Trip 4894
Elsie at Ion 4924
Ford, A. E. History of Clinton, Mass 4919
Holt, John. Annals of the Parish 4938
Green, A. K. The Circular Study 4890
The Filligree Ball 4891
Halsey, F. W. Women Authors in their Homes 4953
Hamblin, H. E. We Uns 4885
Hodge, C. F. Nature Study and Life 4937
Hope, Anthony. The Intrusions of Peggy 4877
Hoar, G. F. Autobiography of 70 Years 4951–52
Hopkins, H. E. The Fighting Bishop 4898
Hornung, E. W. No Hero 4866
Hyne, C. Capt. Kettle, K. C. B. 4922
James, G. W. Indian Basketry 4929
Keeley, H. L. Northern Shrubs 4943
Keller, Helen. The Story of My Life 4881
King, Basil. In the Garden of Charity 4885
Long, W. M. Ways of Wood Folk 4940
Secrets of the Woods 4941
Wilderness Ways 4942
Letters from a Self-Made Merchant to his Son 4896
Lewis, A. H. The Boss 4882
Lewis, G. H. The Master of Millions 4886
Lloyd, J. U. Red-Head 4926
Lynde, F. The Master of Appleby 4887
London, Jack. The Call of the Wild 4933
The People of the Abyss 4939
McGrath, H. The Gray Cloak 4875
Marryat, Capt. Japhet in Search of his Father 4897
McCutcheon, G. B. The Sherrods 4883
Miller, F. D. Our Expedition to the Philippines 4927
Morse, F. C. Furniture of the Olden Time 4909
Morris, Clara. The Pasteboard Crown 4865
Mowbray, J. W. Tangled Up in Beulah Land 4870
Munn, C. C. The Hermit 4911
Murfree, M. (C. E. Craddock.) The Champion 4864
Newell, Peter. Topsy Turveys 4863
Nuttall, Thomas. Birds of the United States and Canada 4899
Peacock, T. C. Maid Marian 4892
Peake, E. E. The Pride of Telfair 4867
The Darlington's 4914
Pemberton, Max. The Giant's Gate 4910
Reed, Myrtle. Lavender and Old Lace 4913
Reynolds, C. The Banquet Book 4948
Rice, A. H. Lovey Mary 4923
Rober, S. T. New Cook Book 4946
Robertson, M. Sinful Peck 4879
Ranedel, M. Luncheons 4931
Russell, W. C. The Captain's Wife 4918
Rowlandson, Mary. Captivity of .....
Singleton, Esther. Social New York under the Georges 4947
Shute, H. A. Real Diary of a Real Boy 4936
Simmons, W. E. The Nicaragua Canal 4920
Stratemeyer, E. At the Fall of Montreal 4903
Fighting in Cuban Waters 4901
Under McArthur 4904
Under Otis in the Philippines 4902
Under Dewey at Manila 4900
Symth, J. P. How we got our Bible 4928
Trowbridge, J. T. My Own Story 4945
Waltz, E. C. Pa Gladden 4874
Ware, Francis. Our Noblest Friend; the Horse 4927
Ward, Mrs. H. Lady Rose's Daughter 4876
Washington, B. Character Building 4925
White, S. E. The Conjuror's House 4915
Wheeler, C. Home Decorations 4930
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1, 1903	$189 54
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund	173 54
Received from Librarian, as fines, etc	70
Drawn from Town Treasurer to pay contingent expenses	65 00
To amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to Jan. 1, 1904	804 03
	$1,232 81

CR. BY CASH PAID OUT.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc	$65 00	
H. Calvin Crane, for one dictionary	13 50	
Kendall Furniture Co., for War History	2 50	
Sanford, Putnam Co., for magazines, etc	45 25	
Denholm & McKay, for books, etc	102 19	
Total expended	$228 44	
By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer	200 34	
Amount of June 11, 1890, fund, to Jan. 1, 1904	804 03	
		$1,232 81

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman*,
GEORGE S. DODGE, *Clerk*,
MARY E. FRENCH,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
MARY F. KENDALL,
Trustees of Library.

GEORGE A. HASTINGS, Treasurer.
GEORGE L. WRIGHT, Librarian.

Boylston, Feb. 22, 1904.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept of a legacy made to it by the last will of Daniel H. Maynard, late of Newburyport, deceased, for the perpetual care of the cemetery lot in the old cemetery, wherein the remains of George and Nancy Maynard are buried. Also, to see what action the town will take in regard to the acceptance of any legacy, or other sum or sums of money, which has been, or may be left, or given to it, for the perpetual care of cemetery lots; or act anything respecting the same.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to accept a residuary legacy, made to it in the last will of the said Daniel H. Maynard, for the benefit of the Public Library of Boylston; or act anything respecting the same.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize and empower the Selectmen to execute a contract with the Massachusetts State Highway Commission, relative to the improvement of the Worcester road, under Chapter 432, of the Acts of 1900, now incorporated in the Revised Laws; or act anything respecting the same.

ART. 6. To see if the town will take any action relative to the sale or disposition of the old Centre school-house.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at the time and place appointed, it being the eleventh day of January, 1904. The meeting being legally opened and the warrant read, the several articles were acted upon, as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

George A. Hastings was chosen by ballot as moderator and sworn.

ARTICLE 2.

The Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library presented the following communication and resolutions for the action of the town:

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library, of the town of Boylston, held this day, January 2, 1904, the following communication from Miss Salome E. White, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was received and read:

Recorded on pages
239 and 240 Book
of Records

Voted, that the foregoing communication be accepted, and the resolutions accompanying be ratified and adopted as the action of the town of Boylston.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to purchase, or otherwise acquire, of the First Parish in Boylston, so much of the land owned by said parish, and adjoining said old Center school-house lot, as may be necessary for said public library lot, in addition to said school lot.

Voted, that the Town Clerk transmit to Miss Salome E. White a copy of the resolutions and doings of the town at this meeting.

ARTICLE 4.

The following communication was received from the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library:

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Trustees of the Public Library, held this day, January 2, 1904, the will of Daniel H. Maynard, late of Newburyport, deceased, was read, in which

only, thereof, to be used and expended for the perpetual care of the lot in the old cemetery, in said Boylston, in which George and Nancy H. Maynard, my father and mother, are buried;" also,

their appears certain residuary bequests for the benefit of the Public Library, of the town of Boylston, a copy of which is appended.

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Thereupon, it was unanimously resolved—That we do hereby, in the name and behalf of the town of Boylston, accept and gratefully acknowledge the residuary bequest, made therein for the benefit of the Public Library of the town of Boylston, and these resolutions be adopted and presented to the town for its acceptance and ratification, at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Resolved—That in accepting this bequest we gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the interest felt by a native of the town of Boylston for the place of his nativity and the home of his early years, who, going away in early manhood, acquired honor and affluence elsewhere. To those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance he will be long remembered as a genial companion and host, and a generous, whole-souled gentleman; a true friend and ever ready to assist others by his counsel and means. Although away from the town for many years he always kept up his interest in its affairs, and in whatever related to its welfare. The acceptance of the bequest carries with it the assurance that it will be sacredly kept in trust and zealously devoted to the purposes intended by the testator.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
MONTRAVILLE FLAGG,
HENRY L. REED,
Selectmen of Boylston.

GEORGE L. WRIGHT,
GEORGE S. DODGE,
MARY F. KENDALL,
CARRIE L. WILLIAMS,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER,
MARY E. FRENCH,
Trustees of the Public Library.

Voted, to accept said bequest, and that the foregoing resolutions be adopted and confirmed, as the action of the town of Boylston.

The past year has been one of great prosperity and rejoicing to the library. The acceptance by the town of the generous offer of Miss Salome E. White to erect a building for the public library in memory of her mother, Harriet Sawyer White, wife of Thomas White, and daughter of Oliver Sawyer, Jr., and Harriet Bush Sawyer, to be known as the Sawyer Memorial Library, carried with it the assurance that the erection of the building would be commenced early in the Spring of 1904, which assurance was realized. The ground for the building was broken about May 1 and the work so far progressed as to allow the laying of the corner stone on Memorial Day, May 30. These exercises were

WORCESTER DAILY TELEGRAM

SAWYER LIBRARY CORNERSTONE SET.

Judge William T. Forbes of Worcester the Principal Speaker at Exercises in Boylston.

Special to The Telegram

BOYLSTON, May 30.—The cornerstone of Sawyer memorial library was laid in a shower, at 1 o'clock this afternoon by the oldest living descendant of the Sawyer family, Ezra Sawyer of Worcester, and by Oliver S. Kendall, Jr., son of O. S. Kendall, Sr., who was master of ceremonies.

The laying of the stone was preceded by music by a band and invocation by Rev. George S. Dodge, the pastor of the First Congregational church, who, after invoking divine blessing, referred to the mother whose thought of Boylston inspired her daughter, Miss Salome E. White of Brookline, to donate the library to the native place of the Sawyer family.

Following Oliver S. Kendall's pronunciamento of the laying of the stone, the audience repaired to the church edifice for the further exercises, the band meanwhile playing "The star-spangled banner."

The address of welcome was by Oliver S. Kendall, Sr., in behalf of Miss Salome E. White, who was unable to be present. The choir sang "My native land," and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Dodge. The chairman of trustees of the public library, George L. Wright, then listed the articles placed in the box in the corner stone.

The contents are: A brief historical sketch of the public library and account of proceedings of the day; town reports for 1901-3; list of town officers for 1904; list of library trustees from 1880 to 1904, also of organizations of Boylston and their officers for 1904; program of 150th anniversary of the First Congregational church, and photograph of the church; copy of Centennial volume of Boylston, 1886; photographs of

Centennial Celebration

1886, of town hall, 1904, old center school and new center schoolhouse, 1904; program of dedication of the new schoolhouse, 1904; copy of Davenport's history of Boylston, 1830; partial history of the Sawyer family, compiled by Oliver S. Kendall, Sr.; plan of Sawyer's mills by Gardner Smith, 1830; tracings of first page of the town records by Aaron Sawyer, first town clerk, 1786; tracing of first page of records of social library, 1792; deed of social library to town, 1880; photographs of Thomas W. White, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White and Mrs. Harriet Bush Sawyer; the obituary notices of Thomas W. White, Harriet Sawyer White and Nathaniel L. Kendall; photographs of Ezra Sawyer and Oliver Sawyer Kendall, 3d; copies of the Outlook, May 21; The Telegram, May 30; Worcester Spy, May 30, and Clinton Courant, May 28; copper coins of 1819, 1827, 1831, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1851, 1855, 1861; ½ cent piece, 1828; 2 cent-piece, 1864; New testament, 1904; photograph of O. S. Kendall, Sr., and of homestead of Oliver Sawyer, Oliver Sawyer, Jr., and Oliver S. Kendall, Sr.; programs of Boylston grange, 1904, and of 1883; list of officers of dramatic club of Village improvement society, of Sunday school of the Y. P. S. C. E., and of First Congregational church and First Congregational parish; photographs of the Bush homestead, of town hall and of church; a five-cent piece, a 10-cent piece and a copper, all of the current year.

Mr. Wright closed his remarks with a felicitous expression of the town's appreciation of Miss White's generosity, and in behalf of the town invoked heaven's choicest blessings upon her.

Following this, "The star-spangled banner" was sung by the school children.

The speaker of the day was

Judge William T. Forbes

of Worcester, who said in part:—

"I am glad to meet the Boylston boys and girls, for this is in a special sense their day. I recognize that this is a glorious day for the founder of this institution. She has the pleasure of coming back to the birthplace of her honored parents and of placing to their memory this monument. It is fitting that this monument should be neither an obelisk, a pyramid, or a bronze statue, but a living institution.

"There was a time when a library was looked upon as a museum in which to collect and store books. Now it means more than that. The old librarians' motto of 'A place for every book and every book in its place,' has been superseded by the better saying, 'A place for every book and every book out of place in the hands of a reader.'

"The public schools afford facilities for the education of perhaps 20 per cent of the entire population of Boylston. A public library should be a literary workshop, a high school, a reading room, a university. An intellectual dining room for three-fourths of the entire population. Mental dyspepsia may be prevented and cured by a proper diet of the best books. When I say best, I do not mean books on religion and philosophy alone, nor the masterpieces of the

Great Poets From Homer,

Dante and Shakspere to Tennyson and Browning, but the best productions of the greatest writers of every age and in every branch of literature.

"The raindrop which falls on yonder hillside is gathered up to sparkle in the cup of some poor dweller in the slums of a distant city, almost the only pure, bright thing from the hand of God uncontaminated by man enjoyed by the poor man in our great cities.

"Our physical well-being requires pure air, water and food with life in the bright sunlight. Deprive mankind, and especially the children of these necesssities, and feebleness and death soon follow.

"The air in the crowded streets of our great cities is filled with dust, disease germs and other impurities with which the vital forces struggle vainly. Tall, poorly ventilated buildings are crowded with occupants growing pallid and weak without the life-giving sunlight to purify their damp and dingy dwellings.

"Under these surroundings, what wonder is it that families are often extinct in three generations.

"The country is the place for raising

Noble Men and Women.

Pure air, pure water, health-giving food and sunlight are accessible to all. This town is an ideal place in which to find all that is necessary for healthful living. But man is not an animal merely. All these physical and natural advantages are found among the most degraded and ignorant people in our country. Our forefathers always insisted upon what the mountain whites in the South consider important—the study of books, or 'book learning,' as it was often called. If man does not have food for the mind and soul he becomes a savage.

"From this youthful town, sometimes called Old Boylston, have gone forth strong men and women who have helped to build up the strong nation we all love.

"Two grandparents of the founder of this institution of learning lived near this spot and brought up their children, seven sons and three daughters, all noble representatives of this town, who found in larger fields of action scope for their unusual intellectual powers and energy. One was a clergyman, another a pastor's wife. Two were eminent lawyers, two manufacturers and two were successful merchants.

"From this town have gone forth to the neighboring city of Worcester two of its mayors, Phinehas Ball and Charles B. Pratt. Fannie Tilton, the mother of Charles G. Reed, whose wedding was the first

Temperance Wedding

in Boylston, was also a native of this place.

"Boylston is still young. Her area and population are small. In the old days, when slavery existed in the South, the ignorant, unskilled black people had a cash value greater than that of all the lands and buildings south of Mason and Dixon's line, but the average white citizen of the North has thrice the economic value of a southern slave. Compared with an honest, brave, intelligent, God-fearing people, all material wealth counts but little in making a nation great.

"May this town long be rich in noble men and women, educated in the church, the schoolhouse and in the beautiful structure which is to rise on this spot, whose influence shall extend beyond its borders."

Keller's American hymn was next sung by the choir, followed by a history of the Sawyer family, which was given by Librarian Andrew Ford of Clinton, who referred to the happy choice of today as the day for laying the cornerstone of this memorial to a family so associated with the interests of the town, proposing a toast to the Boylston public library at the conclusion of his remarks.

The next speaker was Austin Baxter Keep of New York. Mr. Keep is a cousin of Miss White, and made a touching allusion to her attachment for Boylston, which he visited today with feelings of veneration as the birthplace of his ancestors. A graduate of Amherst, Mr. Keep is at present engaged in the compilation of library data for an institution in New York.

The closing number was the singing of "America" by the audience, preceded by a few remarks by Oliver S. Kendall, Sr.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. S. Dodge.

Among those present were: Austin B. Keep, New York; Andrew Ford, Clinton; Ezra Sawyer and wife, John M. Warner, wife and family, of Worcester; William H. Warner, Hartford; Clinton W. Putnam, Rutland; Oliver S. Kendall, Sr., Oliver S. Kendall, Jr., Penniman Brigham and wife, Albert W. Andrews,

Miss Harriet Andrews,

Charles Moore and wife, Rev. Charles H. Covell and wife, Charles Moon and wife, Miss Ethel Cochrane, Mrs. H. H. Elms, Miss Mabel Elms, Burtis J. Garfield and wife, Alfred Locke and wife, William Locke and wife, Mrs. Daniel Lynch, Mrs. Jane Richardson, Miss Laura Richardson, Miss Ruth Partridge, William Hager, Mrs. Oliver Congdon, Mrs. Lucy Richardson, Mrs. Olive Case, Worcester; Charles Clay, Harvard; Jesse H. Smith, North Grafton; George E. Gleason and wife, Charles E. Gleason, Charlton; Charles Garfield and wife and two children, Webster; Judge William T. Forbes and wife, Worcester, and Miss Irene Buck, Braintree.

The platform of the church was occupied by Rev. George S. Dodge, Rev. C. H. Covell, Judge William T. Forbes, Andrew Ford, Ezra Sawyer, Superintendent of schools Charles Clay, George L. Wright and Oliver S. Kendall, Sr. Trustees of the public library had reserved seats.

The stone around which today's interest centered was a pudding stone 1½ feet in diameter, found on Mrs. Asenath M. Bartlett's farm, which 40 years ago was known as the Charles Andrews place, on the Shrewsbury road. All the stones used in the building are also from the same farm.

Ezra Sawyer, who placed the first trowelful of mortar, is 86 years old.

largely attended and successfully carried out, and were as follows: Music by the Union Band of Worcester; invocation by Rev. George S. Dodge; laying of the stone by Ezra Sawyer and Oliver Sawyer Kendall, Jr., of Worcester; address of welcome by Oliver Sawyer Kendall, Sr., of Worcester, representing Miss White who was unable to be present; reading of the list of articles deposited in the corner stone and historical sketch of the library by George L. Wright, chairman of the trustees; singing, "Star Spangled Banner", by the public schools; address by Hon. William T. Forbes of Worcester; singing, Keller's American Hymn, by the choir of the Congregational Church; historical address by Andrew E. Ford, Esq., of Clinton; remarks by Austin Baxter Keep of New York, who brought to the Boylston people the greetings of Miss White; singing, "America", by the audience; and benediction by Rev. George S. Dodge.

The work upon the building was rapidly carried on through the Summer and Fall and the building completed and ready for the dedication, which occurred on Mrs. White's birthday, November 10. On the day set for the dedication the citizens of the town, former residents and friends of the town thronged the center of Boylston, inspected the library and attended the dedicatory services which were held in the Congregational Church. Fine weather favored the day and the dedicatory exrecises were as follows: Organ prelude, Jasper W. Sawyer of Clinton; greeting song, pupils of the public schools under the direction of Miss Nettie L. Green; invocation, Rev. John E. Dodge of West Boylston; historical address, Thomas Todd; vocal music, "The Gates of Pearl", choir; address, Rev. Samuel B. Cooper, Ph. D.; vocal music, public schools; dedicatory prayer, Rev. George S. Dodge; presentation address, William Howard White, Esq.; delivery of keys, Miss Salome E. White; acceptance in behalf of the town, Montraville Flagg, chairman of selectmen; acceptance in behalf of the library, George L. Wright, chairman of the trustees; vocal music, "Columbia, Queen of Nations", choir; following which the chairman of the trustees read letters from Everett and Oliver S. Kendall presenting to the library the five cabinets in the historical room as a memorial of their father, Oliver Sawyer Kendall, senior; also a letter from Mrs. Mary J. Fletcher of Chippewa Falls, Wis., presenting the table and chairs in the same room as a memorial of her father, Charles Sheldon Kendall; also from Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Marks, presenting a framed copy of the Greek Parthenon. The services then concluded with "America", sung by the audience, led by the choir, and the benediction, pronounced by Rev. George S. Dodge.

The building occupies the site of the old Center schoolhouse, which was also the site of the second meeting-house, erected in Boylston in 1792, and occupied as the town's place of worship until 1835. The library building is of field stone, cobbled, taken from the Boylston farms, and is about 61 feet in length and to the rear of the stack room of about the same depth. Entering the building from the center of the front is found a narrow vestibule floored with marble tiles. From the vestibule entrance is made into the delivery room upon each side of which, and connected with it by large folding doors, are the reading and historical rooms. The southerly room is intended for the reading room and on its westerly side is a large fireplace in which has been inserted a granite block two feet in length and 10 inches wide, taken from the chimney of the old Sawyer house at Sawyers Mills. At the time of its demolition this was the oldest house in Boylston and this stone was placed in the chimney of the house at the time of its erection by Aaron Sawyer and bears the inscription "1757, A. S." The stone is a gift to the library by Mrs. Thomas Todd of Concord, a descendant of the Sawyer family. On the southerly walls of this room are

hung portraits of Thomas White, Esq., and his wife, Harriet Sawyer White, and beneath the portrait of Mrs. White is placed a bronze tablet bearing this inscription: "Erected in remembrance of Harriet Sawyer, wife of Thomas White, by her daughter, Salome E. White, 1904."

The northerly room will be used as the historical room and is furnished with oak cases for books and antiques. In this room has also been placed the books of the old Boylston social library, organized in 1792, and which remained in unbroken existence until 1880, when it was merged into the public library. Leading from the historical room is the librarian's room, and opening directly from this room is the stack room, which is semi-circular and which, with the exception of a gallery extending around it, is open to the roof, which is of heavy glass and affords ample light. The stacks are radial in form and of metal, with a capacity of from 6,000 to 7,000 volumes. On the main floor, leading from the gallery, is a staircase to the attic of the building, where there is large space for storage of pamphlets, and work rooms. In the basement and cellar is located the heating apparatus, and a large fireproof vault for the safe keeping of town records.

The building is the gift of Miss Salome Elizabeth White of Brooklyn, in memory of her mother, Harriet Sawyer, wife of Thomas White, and is the carrying out of a long cherished plan of Mrs. White herself, and which her death prevented her from completing. Mrs. White was a native of Boylston and was the daughter of Oliver Sawyer, Jr., and Harriet Bush Sawyer, and was born Nov. 10, 1818. Her father died when she was quite young and her early years were passed in the home of her grandfather, Col. Jotham Bush. Harriet Sawyer married Thomas White, son of Aaron White and Mary Avery White, and was graduated at Amherst College, studied law and practised that profession in New York, after entering into the business of refining sulphur, which business he carried on during the remainder of his life, and in which he amassed a fortune. He was an active man and continued in sole charge of his business until his death, which occurred at the age of 94 years.

The superintendency of the erection of the library building was in charge of Oliver Kendall Sawyer of Worcester, a cousin of the donor, and much credit is due him for the successful completion of the building. The contractor was Fred W. Mark and the architects Fuller & Delano Co., both of Worcester. On the day of dedication the new library building was open for inspection of the townspeople and guests. Many of the visitors were elderly people, but the oldest and one of the most active and brightest of all was Mrs. Parney Parker Flagg, mother of Selectman Montraville Flagg, who is 93 years of age. The exercises of dedication took place in the Congregational Church at 2 o'clock p. m. In preparation for the festivities the church had been decorated with ferns, rubber plants and palms by F. P. Sawyer of Clinton; he also furnished the decorations for the library building, which consisted of cut flowers. Seated on the platform were: Rev. Samuel B. Cooper, former pastor of the church, of North Brookfield, Thomas Todd of Concord, Oliver S. Kendall of Worcester, William H. White of Boston, Rev. George S. Dodge, pastor of the church, and the selectmen, Montraville Flagg, chairman, Henry L. Reed and George A. Hastings. In the alcove to the left of the platform were the trustees of the library, George L. Wright, who is librarian, Miss L. Louise Dodge, assistant librarian, Mrs. Mary F. Kendall, Mrs. Mary E. French, Miss E. Burnette Tucker and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Reed.

At the organ was Jasper W. Sawyer of Clinton, and the choir was made up of Miss Amy W. Kendall, Miss L. Louise Dodge, Miss Celia Kendall, Mrs. George Vickery, Mrs. Hattie L. Lynch, Mrs. Bertice Garfield, Mrs. Charles S. Knight, Mrs. James H. Woods, Mrs. Loring Reed, Mrs. Nellie M. Demond, George Keogh, Fred Hall, Fred Shattuck and

Charles C. Bray. The pupils of the public schools had seats at the left of the church and sang two selections under the direction of Miss Nettie L. Green of Shrewsbury, teacher of music in the Boylston public schools; Miss Rowena Purden, principal of the Center school, accompanied on the piano. The people, as they reached the church, were seated by these ushers: Oliver S. Kendall, Jr., James H. Woods, Charles S. Knight and Lyman S. Walker. The committees in charge of the dedication were: dedication committee, Oliver Sawyer Kendall, representing the donor; the board of selectmen, Montraville Flagg, Henry L. Reed, George A. Hastings; the trustees of the public library, George L. Wright, Rev. George S. Dodge, Mrs. Mary F. Kendall, Mrs. Mary E. French, Miss E. Burnette Tucker, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Reed. Sub-committees: invitations, George L. Wright, Miss E. B. Tucker, Mrs. M. F. Kendall; reception, Rev. George S. Dodge, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Reed, Everett Kendall, Oliver S. Kendall, Jr., Lyman P. Kendall, John G. Warner, Dr. F. B. Willard, James H. Woods, Calvin H. Andrews, George H. Longley, Lyman S. Walker, Mrs. Carrie L. Williams, Mrs. George S. Dodge, Mrs. Margaret Lane, Mrs. H. M. Andrews, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. C. S. Knight, Miss Celia M. Kendall; decorations, Mrs. M. E. French, Miss L. Louise Dodge, Miss Amy W. Kendall, M. L. Smith, Mrs. Anna Tucker, Mrs. Charles C. Bray, A. Roy Bennett, W. S. McGeachey; printing, George L. Wright, Charles S. Knight, Oliver S. Kendall; music, Miss E. Burnette Tucker, Mrs. C. S. Knight, Miss Nettie L. Green.

In the dedication address Rev. Dr. Cooper said in substance: "My first word is one of congratulation on the erection and furnishing of your beautiful library building. Its equipment is modern, its adornment pleasing, and I trust that its usefulness to the people of this town will increase with the passing years. A public library helps in the formation and encourages the habit of reading. The reading habit should be fostered because it brings the reader into touch with the great men who have done so much in making the history and molding the thought of the times in which they lived. Systematic and purposeful reading will be a benefit to the reader in his daily toil. Knowledge is power and the right application of the reader's mental capital will enable him to multiply his power. Knowledge of the law of the lever and fulcrum will multiply his physical power to an infinite degree. The consciousness of having mastered one or two good books is one of the greatest pleasures of life. It is charged that the people of the present day are gregarious and cannot enjoy life except they get together, have no pleasure alone. He who says I have no time to read ought to say I have no mind to read, for if one has the mind he will find the time." As to the management of the library itself, he said: "Have a reference room, or, if that be not feasible, have your reference literature shelved conveniently, so that the minister, the school teacher, and every thoughtful citizen may go to the building to consult its reference books as their need for such consultation may arise. Do not load the shelves with books which will only satisfy the taste and caprice of the merely mechanical reader, but purchase books that will be serviceable to all the people and that will be useful for coming generations."

In the presentation address made by William H. White of Boston, in behalf of the donor, Miss White, Mr. White said: "I appreciate the honor of coming here and as next friend of the donor to speak for her upon the delivery to the officers of the town the keys which symbolize the possession for all time of the Sawyer Memorial Library and to speak, not for her alone, but for one no longer with us, whose long cherished purpose is realized in the construction and dedication of this building, for it was Harriet Sawyer White who planned this gift to her native town to commemorate her family. This building, which has been constructed from the rough stones of the surrounding fields, is a fitting memorial of the lives of the Sawyer family. They were oc-

cupied by the routine work of country life, work in which many can see only the drudgery and can feel only the isolation and remoteness from what they imagine are the important events of life. This library is simply an instrument which may help its users to acquire contentment, and by so doing may, to some extent, check the fatal tendency to gravitate citywards. The permanence of our institutions depends in a large measure upon the people who live in the country, for it is generally admitted that the conditions in the large cities are not favorable to the successful working of democratic government. That this library might be such a center of social and intellectual activity in your midst, affording opportunity to the student, relaxation to the worker and inspiration to all was the earnest wish of that mother whose generosity planned a permanent home for it, and that it will be so is the confident expectation of the daughter who has carried that plan to completion. In turning over to you the keys she desires to thank the people of Boylston for their cordial co-operation in accepting the building, giving the land upon which it stands and aiding in many ways in its proper construction and management."

In closing this report the trustees can only voice the feelings and thanks of the people of the town already spoken for the great generosity and interest in it and its welfare which made the Sawyer Memorial Library Building a reality. Boylston has thus acquired a home for its public library which is not only most tasteful and convenient in arrangement and completion, an ornament to the town, and which, for the purposes intended, can not be excelled perhaps by any town of its size in the Commonwealth. May it ever be the endeavor of the town to prize and preserve it as a sacred memorial and to gather upon its shelves and in the rich storehouse of learning it contains the wisest and best thoughts of every age, that it may always stand not only as a memorial of the noble woman in whose honor it has been erected, but also as a living illustration of the highest intelligence and culture of the community. The spirit which made the memorial not only possible, but a realization, is most beautifully manifested in a letter recently received by the trustees from Miss White in acknowledgement of a Christmas souvenir from the trustees in behalf of the town, containing photographic views of the homes of her paternal and maternal ancestors, the public buildings and other objects of interest to her, in which she said: "The little town is indeed filled for me with precious memories and I shall always feel a deep interest in its welfare."

SAWYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Sept. 20th 1904. The Trustees met at the Library & Mrs. Everett Kendall. All the members were present also Mr. Oliver S. Kendall of Worcester the representative of Miss Salome E. Pyle of New York. Plans for the Education Lectures of the Sawyer Memorial Library Building were considered and the following Committees appointed

General Committee of Arrangements.
Oliver S. Kendall of Worcester
Josephine Pierce
Herbert A. Reed
Geo. A. Hastings
Geo. A. Wright
Geo. S. Lodge
Mrs. Mary F. Kendall
Miss E. Brackett Tucker
Mrs. Mary E. French
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Reed

Selectmen of Princeton

Trustees of the Sawyer Memorial

Committee on Entertainments
George Wright
Miss E. Brackett Tucker
Mrs. Mary F. Kendall.

Reception Committee
George S. Lodge
Mrs. Samuel L. Dodge
Oliver S. Kendall Jr. of Worcester
Lyman P. Kendall
Lyman S. Walker
Mrs. Henrietta B. Andrews
Mrs. Carrie A. Williams
Mrs. George W. Shattuck
Mrs. Mary F. Kendall
Miss Edith Kendall
Mrs. Chas. S. Knight

Records of Trustees Oct - 1904

Committee on Music
Miss E. Pennette Decker
Mrs. Sarah L. Knight
Miss Nettie E. Green. Chairman
Miss Nettie Green in Regt. Sec'y

Committee on Decorations
Mrs. Mary E. French
Miss Amy W. Kendall
Mrs. Annie M. Decker
Miss Adelaide Lodge
Mrs. Chas C. Brown
Mrs. Kate Bennett
Mrs. McCracken
Mel Mrs. Smith

Ushers
George L. Wright
Edwards S. Knight
Abner S. Kendall.
George S. Lodge Clerk.

Oct 28th 1904.
The Trustees met at the home
of Mrs Everett Kendall.
Abner S. Kendall - President also
Mrs. Kendall - Secretary.
The following named
ladies members of
the Reception Committee.
Mrs. Decker
Mrs. Knight
Mrs. Green
Mrs. French
Mrs. Kendall

Mrs. Kendall Mrs. Decker
to Mrs. Knight

Records of Trustees of Public Library

Present -
Oliver S. Kendall Esq. of Worcester
James H. Woods -
Hon. Hyman S. Walker
Hon. Geo. H. Andrews -
Geo. A. Hodges Clerk -

Nov - 23rd 1904 -

Meeting - in the Hist. Society's Room -
Present as above - Board being
full the Trustees proceeded -

Voted to approve bills of
Edward L. Gaucher - Painting Picture $ 5.00
Wm L. Coulbert - Programs 2.00
Gordon Keyes Printing Co. 1.50
Carroll Wright Address 2.00
Henry H. Brigham - Wood Work 2.00
Franklin Rodick Stone Co. - 3.50
Voted Resolutions of thanks in advance for the
Loan to Mrs. Hannah L. Fletcher - gifts for
Table and Chairs as a Memorial
Tablet for Hon. Charles Allen Kendall.
Also to James H. Woods for the portrait
of Hon. Stephen Salisbury 1st Woods -
To Mrs Annie M. Clark of Worcester for
her book "With the Flag to Havana"
To Ex-Gov. Oliver S. Kendall for the
Cabinets in the Historical Room and the
portrait of Hon. Stephen Salisbury
Kendall. for the
To Mrs. for the
portrait of John B. Gough.
To John H. Keough for the Loan from
the Sawyer House, of Lancaster Mills -
To Frederick W. Mork, for the
picture "The Parthenon"

Voted to keep the furnaces fires constantly
through the Winter months -

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Records of Meetings Nov - 1894

[illegible] Mrs Barnett Tucker
[illegible] Miss Sabine E White

Recommended to Dec. 2nd 1894
George L. Hodges Clerk.

Record of Resolutions.
Boylston Mass Nov-28th 1894

Resolved That the Trustees of the Public Library
in behalf of the citizens and the town
desire hereby to express their thanks and
grateful appreciation of the interest shown
by Mrs. Lindsey J. Peters in the erection of
the Lucretia Memorial Library Building.
and especially in the donation by her of the
table and Chairs in the Kendall Historical
Room as a memorial to her father
Edwards Sheldon Kendall. We shall ever
treasure the gift as a loving testimonial
of filial affection and kindly interest
for the town which was the native place
of her father and the home of his early
years. We trust we may ever preserve
records and the remembrance of the
donation may prove to her as much
pleasure in presentation, as it has given
in reception. With the generous action
of Miss Sabine E White in the erection of
the Library Building deserves & supplemented by so many other expressions of
interest and good will to the library is to
us a source of much heartfelt pleasure, and
will be most gratefully remembered and
appreciated

George L. Hodges
George A. Tucker
Elizabeth H Reed
Mary F Kendall
E Burnett Tucker
Mary E Fletcher

} Trustees of Public Library Boylston Mass

Boylston Mass Nov 28th 1904

Resolved that the Trustees of the Public Library hereby desire to record their grateful appreciation of the gifts of Oliver Sawyer Kendall and Sarah Kendall and their families of the portraits of their father Nathaniel Sawyer and the Reading-room of the Sawyer Memorial Library Building as a Record to the memory of one who long and faithfully served the Town both as a Board of Selectmen and in other positions of Trust and was especially interested in the Library and its welfare; and to whom the Library is largely indebted for the valuable collection of photographs of former citizens of the Town. And that the Secretary be instructed to express to them our grateful appreciation of the devotion of the Kendall Historical Name as a tribute of respect to the memory of their father the late Oliver Sawyer Kendall. who was for many years largely identified with the affairs of the Town; a member of the Board of Selectmen Representative to the General Court and for many years a Trustee of the Boylston Public Library.

The Trustees to whom was referred the question of the proper disposition of the unexpended balance of the Building Fund, and the interest thereon, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter and are of the opinion that the same should be expended in the purchase of books for the Library.

George S. Wright
Elizabeth H. Reed
A. Burnett Peterson

George S. Edgell
Mary E. Kendall
Mary E. Flint

Trustees of Public Library Boylston

Records of Trustees Nov. 1904

Feb-2-1904.

Present Mrs. [illegible]

Appointed Miss. [illegible]

Frank P. Lawrence

Geo. R. Hastings Esq.

Ten to engrave a Bronze Tablet for the Memorial Library [illegible] Dec 1903. and Trustees pay [illegible] per month for services.

Herbert H. French - was elected Janitor - [illegible] Salary.

Articles presented from time to time by citizens to be used for Library purposes shall be stored in the Glass case in the Library [illegible]

Adjourned Dec-14/1904.

[illegible]

Geo. B. Dodge Clerk

Dec-14/1904 The Trustees met at the Library - and elected Librarian, Custodian, Janitor and Agent - One Asst. and Janitress. Janitress to [illegible] Glass cases. [illegible]

Louise H. H. French was appointed Librarian - and Custodian - for the ensuing year - and to preserve the Library and Books - and to present the same to the Trustees.

Voted to add - The Technical Books Library Magazines [illegible] thereunto -

Adjourned Dec-14-04

Geo. B. Dodge Clerk.

Dec. 4th 1904 - The will proved
& record made as in Trustees
The bill & in Pickens Appointed Com
Clerk & Librarian
Voted publish information
Voted Trim Vols 25.00
Voted & Advertise & The Clerk
& The Chairman & The Trustees -
George B. Sawyer Clerk

Report of Library Trustees.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Library, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1905:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes on shelves Feb. 15, 1904	5,000
" " " Feb. 15, 1905	5,143

CIRCULATION.

Number of volumes delivered	3,646
Highest number of volumes delivered in any one day	85
Lowest " " " " "	1
Average number of volumes delivered Saturdays	56
" " " " Wednesdays	20
Number of days library was open	95
Number of names registered to date	832
Number of visitors to Sawyer Memorial Library registered since the opening of the building	605

LIST OF MAGAZINES ON READING TABLE.

Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Rural New Yorker, Country Gentleman, Century, St. Nicholas, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, Home Market Bulletin, McClure's Magazine, Success, Everybody's Magazine, The Book Buyer, The Boston Cooking School Magazine, Independent, Outlook, World's Work, Country Life in America, Word and Works, Protectionist, Woman's Home Companion, Review of Reviews, Leslie's Monthly.

Donations from the Commonwealth and from various other friends of the library have been received from time to time during the year, and to all who have so remembered the library the Trustees would return the grateful acknowledgments of the town.

The Trustees would, however, desire to make special mention of the donations from Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark of Lancaster, of one volume of her own work, "With the Alcott's in Harvard"; one volume of photographic views, entitled "Lancaster on the Nashua", from Alonzo H. Waterman of Leominster; one volume from Mrs. Charles G. Reed of Worcester. At the time of the opening of the Sawyer Memorial Library Building, a framed portrait of Henry V. Woods, for many years one of the Selectmen of the town, and in 1874 its Representative to the General Court, was presented to the library by his son, James H. Woods, and hung in the historical room; also a framed steel plate of Lafayette at Mount Vernon from Mrs. Marve P. Penniman and Mr. John Bruce of Worcester. Since the opening of the building a pastel of John B. Gough has been received from Miss Mary G. Whitcomb, and a copy of Rogers' group,

"Opening the Mail", from Mrs. Charles G. Reed and Miss Fannie M. Whitcomb. Capt. Charles T. Pratt has also presented to the library an oil painting of his father, Hon. Charles B. Pratt, ex-mayor of Worcester and a former resident of the town. George L. Sanford of Worcester has also donated a fine dictionary holder and stand for the reading room.

BOOKS PURCHASED AND ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

Allen, W. B. Sword and Plowshare	5130
Anderson, R. E. The Story of Extinct Civilization of the East.	5017
Burton, W. E. Trouble at the "Roundstone" of the West	5018
Baldwin, J. M. The Story of the Mind	5010
Beach, David N. The Annie Laurie Mine	5110
Blanchan, N. Bird Neighbors	5100
Brady, C. T. A Little Traitor to the South	5114
Brooks, E. S. True Story of La Fayette	5098
Bullen, F. T. Denizens of the Deep	5085
Burnham, C. L. Jewell's Story Book	5087
Caine, Hall. The Prodigal Son	5072
Chambers, G. F. The Story of Eclipses	5028
The Story of the Stars	5009
Cheever, H. A. Madame Angora	5055
Church, A. J. The Lords of the World	5050
Clark, C. H. Capt Bluit	5105
Clark, S. R. G. The Cry of Two Thirds	5127
Cleaves, Chas. P. A Case of Sardines	5120
Clemens, S. L. (Mark Twain). A Dog's Tale	5095
Clodd, E. The Story of Primitive Man	5013
The Story of the Alphabet	5005
Conn, H. W. The Story of the Living Machine	5021
The Story of Germ Life	——
Conner, Ralph. The Prospector	5052
Conrad, S. The Second Mrs. Jim	5066
Corelli, M. God's Food Man	5077
Crawford, F. M. Whosoever shall Offend	5043
Crowest, F. J. The Story of the Art of Music	5027
Cummings, G. Wild Men and Wild Beasts	5079
Davis, W. S. Falaise of the Blessed Voice	5092
Dillon, M. The Rose of Old St. Louis	5049
Dixon, T. Jr. The Clansman	5070
Douglas, A. The Story of the Earth's Atmosphere	5008
Downs, Georgie Sheldon. Katherine's Sheaves	5065
Earle, M. New Fortunes	5011
Edgar, W. C. The Story of a Grain of Wheat	5022
Eggleston, G. C. Running the River	5018
Ely, H. E A Woman's handy Garden	5091
Fletcher, Horace. The A. B. Z of Nutrition	5034
Fox, John Jr. Christmas Eve on Lonesome	5035
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come	5056
Gillet, J. A. (and W. J. Rolfe).	——
Handbook of Natural Philosophy	5030
Handbook of Chemistry	5031
Gates, E. Biography of a Prairie Girl	5117
Gibson, W. H. Sharp Eyes	5080
Goss, C. F. Redemption of David Corson	——
Grant, Allen. The Story of the Plants	5012
Grant, Robert. Jack in the Bush	5087
The Undercurrent	5076
Hamblin, H. E. The Story of a Yankee Boy	5058
Hamlin, Cyrus. My Life and Times	5115
Harbottle, T. B. Dictionary of Historical Allusions	5125
Hawkins, Anthony H. (Anthony Hope). Double Harness	5044
Hawthorne, H. A Country Interlude	5129
Hewlett, Maurice The Queen's Quais	5047
Hickson, S. J. The Story of Life in the Seas	5016
Holly, M. (Josiah Allen's wife).	——
Samantha at the St. Louis Exposition	5040
Henty, G. A. The Dash for Khartoum	5059
In Greek Waters	5060
A March on London	5061
Beric the Briton	5062
Through the Sikh War	5063
A Jacobite Exile	5064
The Congo Rovers	5094
Held Fast For England	5073
St. Bartholomew's Eve	5074
With Moore at Coruna	5082
Condemned as a Nihilist	5083
Redskin and Cowboy	5121
Through Russian Snows	5122

Jacob, Joseph. The Story of Geographical Discovery 5019
Johnson, R. Phaeton Rogers 5054
Lee, Robert E., jr. Recollections of Genl. Robert E. Lee ..... ——
Leighton, R. The Pilots of Pomona 5108
The Trusty Sword 5093
Lewis, A. H. The President 5123
Leupp, F. E. The Man Roosevelt 5124
Lindsay, B. The Story of Animal Life 5015
Lloyd, N. The Soldier of Fortune 5075
Lorimer, G. H. Old Gorgon Graham 5067
Martin, E. A. Story of a Piece of Gold 5020
Martin, Helen R. Tillie 5038
Matthews, F. S. Handbook of American Wild Flowers 5094
Mason, A. E. W. The Truants 5045

McGrath, H. The Man on the Box 5039
McCutcheon, G. B. Beverley of Granstark 5048
The Day of the Dog 5086
Merriman, Henry S. The Last Hope 5036
Michelson, M. The Bishop's Carriage 5037
Mitchell, J. A. The Villa Claudia 5089
Montague, G. H. The Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Co. 5002
Morrison, A. The Green Diamond 5068
Murray, Aaron E. The Butterfly Hunters 5081
Munro, John. The Story of Electricity 5004
O'Connor, W. D. Heroes of the Storm 5116
Parker, Frances. Hope Hathaway 5041
People of the Whirlpool 5112
Puddefoot, W. G. (with I. O. Rankin). Hewers of Wood 5107
Ranft, Henry W. The Century Book of Facts 5029
Rawlings, B. G. The story of Books 5006
Rives, Hallie E. The Castaways 5103
Rolfe, W. J. (and J. A. Gillet). Handbook of Chemistry 5031
Natural Philosophy 5030
Seton, Ernest Thompson. Wild Animals I have known 5071
Monarch, the Big Bear 5084
Seeley, H. G. The Story of the Earth 5011
Shute, H. A. "Sequil" to Real Diary of a Real Boy 5033
Spears, J. K. The Fugitive 5078
Stevenson, R. L. The Black Arrow 5032
Stockton, F. R. A Jolly Friendship 5109
Storey, A. T. The Story of Photography 5026
Streeter, J. W. The Fat of the Land 5104
Stuart, Ruth McE. Sonny 5001
Thurston, J. T. Testing of Sidney Dean 5106
Tracy, L. The Wings of the Morning 5113
Wagner, Charles. The Simple Life 5096
Walton, M. A. A Hermit's Wild Friends 5069
Washington, Booker T. Working with the Hands 5125
Waterhouse, P. L. The Art of Building 5007
White, S. E. Blazed Trail Stories 5053
The Silent Places 5042
Wells, C. A Parody Anthology 5119
Wiggins, K. D., and others. The Affair at the Inn 5088
Wilkinson, F. The Story of the Cotton Plant 5023
Wilson, B. The Story of Rapid Transit 5025
Woman Errant 5046
Young, R. E. Henderson 5090
Universal Cyclopaedia. 13 vols. for reference in Reading Room.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED.

Balance of fines and appropriations March 1, 1904..	$200 34
Received from Town Treasurer, amount of dog fund.	123 02
Drawn from Town Treasury to pay contingent expenses	95 10
To amount of June-11-1890 fund, to Jan. 1, 1905 ..	836 18
	$1,254 94

CR. BY CASH PAID OUT.

Librarian's salary, covering books, etc.....	$65 00	
Standard Extinguisher Co., for two fire extinguishers.....	30 00	
Henry L. Reed, for expressage on fire extinguishers	40	
C. S. Knight, for printing.....	3 00	
G. R. Hastings & Son, for stamps	12 00	
Wm. H. Brigham, agent, for "Word and Works"	1 00	
L. Louise Dodge, for labor	10 60	
H. H. Osgood, for subscription	5 25	
Lydia P. Warner, for magazines, etc.....	5 15	
Sanford Putnam Co., for waste baskets....	1 50	
H. H. French, for labor moving books.....	4 00	
John N. Flagg, for two cords wood	10 50	
Denholm & McKay Co., for books.....	110 46	
Sandford Putnam Co., for paper and book .	9 00	
Essex Publishing Co., for books.....	80 50	
W. J. Coulter, for printing	9 00	
F. P. Sawyer, for flowers.....	11 00	
C. S. Knight, for printing.....	10 00	
E. Burnette Tucker, for book for Miss White	2 50	
Fuller Regalia Co., for badges for dedication	3 76	
Sanford Putnam Co., for magazines	36 25	
Davis & Banister, for book.....	1 75	
R. B. Andrews, for labor moving books ...	7 10	
Geo. A. Vickery, for labor on shelves.....	1 05	
Total amount expended	$430 77	

By unexpended fines and appropriations in hands of Treasurer.....	150 90	
By balance of June-11-1890 fund, to Jan. 1, 1905	673 27	
		$1,254 94

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*
GEORGE S. DODGE, *Clerk.*
MARY F. KENDALL,
E. BURNETTE TUCKER,
MARY E. FRENCH,
ELIZABETH H. REED,

Trustees of Library.

GEORGE A. HASTINGS, Treasurer.
GEORGE L. WRIGHT, Librarian.

BOYLSTON, Feb. 14, 1905.